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SCOTTISH RITE—

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ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS—

Date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed—Anno Depositionis (A. Dep.) "in the year of the deposit." Add 1,000 to the common era, thus: 1921 and 1,000 equal to 2,921.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR—

Commence their era with the organization of their order Anno Ordinis (A. O.) "in the year of the Order." From the Christian era take 1,118, thus: 1921 less 1,118 equal to 803.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD—

Date from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchisedek—Anno Benefacio (A. B.). To the Christian era add 1913, thus: 1921 and 1913 equal to 3,834.

Masonic Calendar and Rules for Masonic Dates

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONRY—

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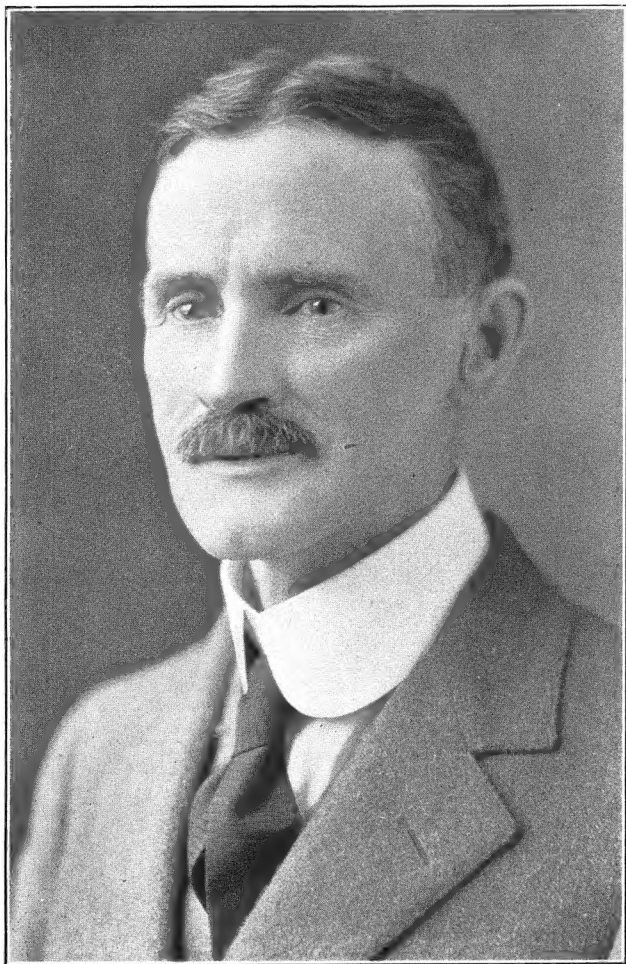
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Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

Seventh Annual Convocation Proceedings

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, held in the City of Edmonton, Province of Alberta, on the 9th and 10th days of March, A.D. 1921, A.I. 2451.

OFFICERS PRESENT

M. E. Comp. Norman T. Macleod . . .	Grand Z. }
M. E. Comp. Stephen Y. Taylor . . .	Grand H. } Grand Council
R. E. Comp. William T. Coote . . .	Grand J. }
R. E. Comp. John E. Johnson . . .	Grand Scribe E.
R. E. Comp. David McIntosh . . .	Grand Scribe N.
R. E. Comp. Geo. B. McLeod . . .	Grand Prin. Sojourner.
R. E. Comp. Jos. G. Morris . . .	Grand Registrar.
R. E. Comp. R. C. Macdonald . . .	G. Supt. 1st Mas. District.
R. E. Comp. W. J. Stephenson . . .	G. Supt. 2nd Mas. District.
R. E. Comp. M. B. Peacock . . .	G. Supt. 3rd Mas. District.
R. E. Comp. T. W. Bates . . .	G. Supt. 4th Mas. District.
R. E. Comp. John Allan . . .	G. Supt. 5th Mas. District.
V. E. Comp. Wm. C. Black . . .	Grand Senior Sojourner.
V. E. Comp. J. E. Rannard . . .	Grand Junior Sojourner.
M. E. Comp. Melvin M. Downey . . .	Grand Lecturer.
V. E. Comp. Robt. L. McIlveen . . .	G. Master 3rd Veil.
V. E. Comp. Jas. R. Flan . . .	Grand Pursuivant.
V. E. Comp. G. Frank Butler . . .	Grand Steward.
V. E. Comp. Oliver J. Cowin . . .	Grand Steward.
V. E. Comp. J. J. Green . . .	Grand Janitor.

PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

M. E. Comp. Stephen Y. Taylor . . .	1914
M. E. Comp. James N. Rankin . . .	1915
M. E. Comp. Fred S. Watson . . .	1916
M. E. Comp. Melvin M. Downey . . .	1919

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

M. E. Comp. F. S. Watson	..	Canada
R. E. Comp. D. A. Taylor	.	Dist. of Columbia
M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor	.	Florida
R. E. Comp. Jos. G. Morus	.	Idaho
R. E. Comp. E. C. Dunlop	.	Illinois
M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin	.	Iowa
R. E. Comp. Geo. D. Stanley	..	Kentucky
R. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson	..	Louisiana
R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood	.	Maine
V. E. Comp. J. A. R. Powell	.	Mississippi
R. E. Comp. J. Dan McDonald	.	Montana
R. E. Comp. W. T. Coote	..	New Jersey
R. E. Comp. Geo. B. McLeod	.	New York
R. E. Comp. G. S. Armstrong	.	Nova Scotia
R. E. Comp. Arthur Hayr	.	Oklahoma
R. E. Comp. J. H. W. S. Kemmis	.	Pennsylvania
R. E. Comp. G. F. Butler	.	Quebec
V. E. Comp. J. J. Green	.	South Carolina
M. E. Comp. N. T. Macleod	.	Tennessee
R. E. Comp. R. C. Macdonald	.	Texas
M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey	.	Vermont
R. E. Comp. W. J. Stephenson	.	Virginia
R. E. Comp. David McIntosh	.	Victoria
R. E. Comp. F. E. Nichol	.	Wyoming

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the Seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Alberta was opened in AMPLE FORM at 2.00 o'clock p.m.

R. E. Comp. E. C. Dunlop, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives, reported that there were twenty-four warranted Chapters on the roll of Grand Chapter, and that twenty-two of these Chapters were represented by the following delegates:

Alberta, No. 1, Calgary

M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin, R. E. Comps. F. S. Selwood, M. B. Peacock, Ex Comps. F. B. Cooper, E. I. Doolan.

North Star, No. 2, Edmonton

M. E. Comp. F. S. Watson; R. E. Comps. W. A. Mahaffy, George B. McLeod, R. C. Macdonald, J. A. R. Powell; Ex. Comps. H. H. Jaeger, P. R. Campbell, C. W. Coppock, H. G. Morris.

Assiniboia, No. 3, Medicine Hat

Ex. Comp. A. G. Finch.

Shekinah, No. 4, Lethbridge

M. E. Comp. N. T. Macleod; R. E. Comps. A. Hayr, D. A. Taylor; E. Comps. J. E. Rannaud, F. S. Fetterley

Golden West, No. 5, High River

E. Comp. W. E. M. Holmes.

Bekah, No. 7, Macleod

R. E. Comp. John Allan; E. Comp. John Arthur.

Kether, No. 8, Pincher Creek

R. E. Comp. J. H. W. S. Kemmis.

Otuskwon, No. 9, Calgary

M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor; E. Comps. J. R. Flan and James Cleave.

Bow Valley, No. 10, Gleichen

R. E. Comp T. W. Bates; Ex. Comp P. Maclean.

Calgary, No. 11, Calgary

R. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson; V. E. Comps H. Macpherson, W. C. Black; Ex. Comp. E. G. Irouside.

Keystone, No. 12, Red Deer

R. E. Comps. W. T. Coote, W. J. Stephenson; Ex. Comps. F. A. McEwan and H. H. Humber.

Capital City, No. 13, Edmonton

R. E. Comps. E. C. Dunlop, D. McIntosh; V. E. Comps. H. G. Jamieson, J. G. Morris, D. M. McLean; Ex. Comps. G. S. Armstrong, R. G. Thomson, A. D. Campbell and W. M. McNab.

Vermilion, No. 14, Vermilion

V. E. Comp. J. W. G. Morrison.

Hillvue, No. 15, Hillcrest

V. E. Comps. E. C. Macdonald, John Dan McDonald, G. E. Cruickshank; Ex. Comp. Robt. Evans.

Mount Olivet, No. 17, Killam

R. E. Comp. F. E. Nichol; E. Comps. W. J. Haynes, Alex McKee, J. W. Oakes, F. W. Tye.

Norwood, No. 18, Edmonton

V. E. Comp. J. J. Green; Ex. Comps. A. C. Sloane, A. G. Aldridge

The Hiram, No. 19, Youngstown

V. E. Comp. O. J. Cowin; Ex. Comp. Edgar G. Lamb.

Banff, No. 20, Banff

V. E. Comp. R. L. McIlveen.

Strathmore, No. 21, Strathmore

V. E. Comp. G. F. Butler.

Joseph Stauffer, No. 22, Didsbury

E. Comps. J. A. McGhee and T. W. Publicover.

Coronation, No. 23, Coronation

E. Comp. Robt. Taylor.

Crescent, No. 24, Calgary

M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey; R. E. Comp. Geo. D. Stanley.

On motion of R. E. Comp. E. C. Dunlop, seconded by R. E. Comp. John Allan, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives be received and adopted.

The Most Excellent the Grand Z., granted permission for the admission of Royal Arch Masons, in good standing, as visitors.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL CONVO-
CATION**

On motion of M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey, seconded by M. E. Comp. F. S. Watson, it was

RESOLVED, That, as the Proceedings of the Sixth Annual Convocation, held in the City of Calgary, on the 10th day of March, 1920, have been printed, and copies placed in the hands of the Chapters of this Jurisdiction, the recorded minutes be considered as read and the same be now confirmed.

Address of Grand First Principal

To the Members of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

My Dear Companions:

It is with sincere pleasure that we welcome you to our seventh annual convocation and I trust the results of our mutual deliberations may assist, in some small way, in strengthening our bonds of fraternal love and affection, and may contribute something towards the cause of Masonry and humanity at large.

Amid our feelings of gratitude for favors received during the past year a tinge of sadness must ever be present when we realize that, while our family is increasing in numbers, the inevitable law is still in operation and at every returning anniversary the vacant places in our circle must remind us of those with whom we shall fraternize here no more, and that other Grand Bodies are also mourning their missing ones.

The Committee on Fraternal Dead will deal fully with this matter as it deserves, but I may be pardoned if I single out one particular instance from the fact that the inner circle of our immediate family has at last been broken.

In His Infinite Wisdom the Supreme Architect has seen fit to remove from our midst our Brother and Companion, Andrew R. Dickson, Past Grand First Principal.

My first meeting with him was about thirty-five years ago, and you can imagine the pleasure I experienced in, with him, reviving old memories and associations at our annual reunions during the past few years. It is with the most profound regret I have to chronicle his death. His unassuming good qualities, unfailing good nature and faithful services will not soon be forgotten by the Members of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, and our keenest sympathy goes out to those dear ones he has left behind.

Companions, I would ask you to rise and stand for a short time with bowed heads as a tribute to the memory of our well loved Brother and Companion, Andrew R. Dickson.

We see a temporary gap in our Grand Council caused by the absence of our Grand Second Principal, Rt. Ex. Companion Dr. Darling. I know he has been, and is, thinking of us and we can assure him that he is ever present in our thoughts, and that our best and heartiest wishes are for his speedy recovery to good health and early return to us to take up the active duties of his office which we all know he loves.

In reviewing my movements and actions during the term as your Grand First Principal I find it hard to justify your selection a year ago, in fact, matters have flowed along so smoothly there appeared to me more danger of causing trouble by interference than there would be of improving conditions by attempting to stimulate the movement. Whether this were wise or otherwise will be judged by future developments.

The following is a short review on my visitations to the Chapters:

Otuskwam, No. 9, Calgary

My first visit was paid to this Chapter on the evening of March 18th, 1920. This was an Emergent meeting, and the smoothness and perfection of the degree work and closing showed the effects of careful and energetic preparatory work so early in the year on the part of their capable First Principal, Ex. Companion Harry Cole and his Officers. Had the pleasure of meeting M. Ex. Companion Downey, Rt. Ex. Companions J. E. Johnson, W. E. Mercer and T. W. Bates, Grand Supt. of District No. 4, who was apparently losing no time in making an early start on his official rounds.

Golden West, No. 5, High River

Owing to business matters I was unable to be away from my office until Sept. 27th, when I visited Golden West, No. 5. Rt. Ex. Companion Peacock, Grand Supt. of District No. 3, was also making his official call accompanied by M. Ex. Companion Downey, Grand Lecturer, so that my part in the proceedings was comparatively light. Ex. Companion Holmes, assisted by a number of their Past Principals (three of whom were Past Grand Superintendents), conferred the Mark Master Masons' degree on several candidates in a manner consistent with Golden West's best traditions. As a large number of the Companions are living at a distance from the town it is not to be expected that the attendance will be in proportion to the total membership, but the "Old Guard" is always on hand and no fears need be entertained for Golden West.

Rebekah, No. 7, Macleod

On October 5th, accompanied by Rt. Ex. Companion Allen, Grand Supt. of District No. 5, I attended a Regular Convocation of Bekah No. 7. From the standpoint of membership Bekah has not increased during the year. They also suffered a severe loss in the death of their Third Principal, Ex. Companion Baker, who has left an impression on Craft Masonry in Macleod and surrounding district that will not disappear for some time.

Bekah's jurisdiction is small with a small Craft membership to draw from, but I cannot believe that, with a resident membership of twenty-one, their Officers have been getting the active support that is their due, some of them having to drive in a distance of fifteen miles and havenot missed the opportunity of attending. I hope for better attendances from the members of Bekah Chapter.

I visited Bekah Chapter again January 4th, 1921, when I had the honor of installing their Officers, assisted by Rt. Ex. Companion Allen. One could notice a feeling of increased confidence which will bear results. I had the pleasure of presenting M. Ex. Companion Robert Patterson with the Jewel of a Past Grand First Principal, and after knowing him for forty-one years I can truthfully state that I know of no one who is better entitled to wear it with a clear conscience, as a reward for long and meritorious service in a wide Masonic field.

Kether, No. 8, Pincher Creek

Accompanied by Rt. Ex. Companion Allen I attended an Emergent meeting of Kether Chapter on October 20th. Owing to bad roads their First and Third Principals could not make the twelve mile drive necessary to reach the meeting. They made the attempt but had to turn back. The Chapter was opened with Ex. Companion Steele in charge and later Ex. Companion Donald Thomson presided in the receiving as M.E.M.'s two candidates (after a satisfactory examination as M.M.M.'s, which I was glad to note).

I again visited Kether Chapter and installed their officers, accompanied and assisted by Ex. Companion Middleton, on January 11th.

Calgary Chapters

On October I attended a joint convocation of the four Calgary Chapters to officially welcome M. Ex. Companion W. N. Ponton, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada, on his visit to our Jurisdiction. I had the able support of M. Ex. Companions Rankin, Taylor and Downey and their commodious Chapter room was taxed to its capacity in seating the members. A meeting such as this is an inspiration and an incentive to your officers to at least try and do better.

I shall touch on this visit in a later part of this report.

Coronation, No. 23, Coronation

October 27th, accompanied and assisted by M. Ex. Companions Taylor and Downey and Rt. Ex. Companion J. W. H. S. Kemmis, I consecrated Coronation Chapter, now No. 23 at Coronation. Their First Principal, Ex. Companion Locke, owing to important business engagement, was not able to be present, but the Chapter was in the hands of Ex. Companion Oliver J. Cowm, of the Hiram Chapter, Youngstown, Coronation's mother Chapter, and, knowing his ability and efficiency, it is not necessary to make further comment.

The Hiram, No. 19, Youngstown

October 28th, after a pleasant drive from Coronation, for which I have to thank the Youngstown Companions, I visited The Hiram Chapter at Youngstown, accompanied by the same distinguished Companions as at Coronation. After a pleasant afternoon session with the Youngstown Companions we adjourned for the opportunity of attending a Lodge of Instruction, where we derived pleasure, and I trust profit, from able addresses by M. Wor. Brothers Kemmis and Taylor.

Assiniboia, No. 3, Medicine Hat

November 4th I attended an Emergent meeting of this Chapter and saw the Mark Master Degree conferred. One can always be sure of a good turn out, excellent work and a royal welcome at Medicine Hat, and I can only say that this occasion showed no exception in any one of these respects. A strong Chapter, working harmoniously, and not losing sight of the broader application of our teachings.

Tau Cross, No. 16, Claresholm

I visited Tau Cross at Claresholm and installed the newly elected Officers.

Tau Cross has been carrying a burden similar in some respects to Bakah at Macleod, as, while their territory is wider and they have a larger Craft membership from which to draw, the convenient lines of travel are not such as to make their Chapter easily accessible, but their Officers and prospective Officers for the past couple of years have shewn a lack of confidence in their ability to carry on the ritual work according to the standards established by V. Ex. Companion Haslam. Added to this the unfortunate removal of some of their elected officers culminated in a feeling of depression hard to overcome. My observations of conditions prevailing and sentiment shewn at the meeting of December 14th confirmed earlier formed opinions and it will not be long before they will be wondering where their worries have flown to.

The newly elected officers carried out the opening and closing in A-1 form, and were anxious to exemplify the Royal Arch, but as they would be having candidates for their next meeting, I persuaded them to allow me to use their time in discussion over general conditions. New material is coming in and from every aspect prospects appear rosier. Keep pushing boys. The uphill road is hard and appears long and, while travelling it, our vision is inclined to become contracted and confined, but think of the view from the top of the hill when you arrive there, the satisfaction of achievement and the reward for work well done under difficulties.

Mount Horeb, No. 6, Wetaskiwin

December 6th I visited Mount Horeb. At the suggestion of Rt. Ex. Companion W. J. Stephenson, Grand Supt. of District No. 2, this was made the opportunity of holding a Chapter of Instruction for the District, but I am afraid the notice was too short to give all the Chapters the time to make necessary arrangements to attend. There was a good turnout of the Wetaskiwin members and a good representation from Red Deer headed by Rt. Ex. Companion Stephenson and Ex. Companion McEwen. All three degrees were exemplified and I had the pleasure of assisting, with M. Ex. Companion Downey, in conferring the Royal Arch upon several candidates, among whom was Rt. Wor. Bro. J. Watson Young, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, whom we welcome into Capitular Masonry, and I trust he may become as active in that branch as he has been in Craft Masonry.

I had arranged to go on to Killam, but owing to their Scribe E. residing at Sedgewick, they had not received the summons calling the meeting. (It was returned to me by the P.O. Feb. 3rd.)

Edmonton Chapters

On December 28th I attended a Chapter of Instruction called at Edmonton by Rt. Ex. Companion R. C. Macdonald, Grand Supt. of District No. 1, at which all the Edmonton Chapters were well represented. It was a treat to meet again some of the old warhorses such as Companions McIntosh, Dunlap, Macdonald, Green and Mahaffy. I was also glad to meet here Rt. Ex. Companion Coote, your Grand

Third Principal, now resident at Leduc. The Edmonton Companions know well how to carry on the work in proper form and are continuing to do so. The three degrees were conferred on eleven candidates, so you can imagine it took all the available time of a busy afternoon and evening. I regret I have not been able to give more time and attention to the Companions at Edmonton.

On January 5th I attended a joint meeting of the four Calgary Chapters and installed their Officers, and again the attendance was such that there was barely room left for the ceremonial work. Here I had the able assistance of M. Ex. Companions Rankin, Taylor, Downey and Rt. Ex. Companion Peacock, also the pleasure of presenting Ex. Companion Rankine, the retiring First Principal of Crescent Chapter, with the Jewel of a Past First Principal.

Hillvue, No. 15, Hillcrest

On January 6th I visited Hillvue Chapter accompanied by Ex. Companions McKinnon and Middleton, of Macleod, and Rt. Ex. Companion Allen, who installed the officers. As usual V. Ex. Companions Cruickshanks and J. Dan McDonald were strongly in evidence assisting in the good work wherever required. The new officers showed their metal in the manner in which they took hold, and with a large waiting list of candidates they can look forward to a busy and successful year. They meet in comfortable and commodious quarters and it is a pity their room is not more centrally situated in their district.

Banff, No. 20, Banff

I visited Banff Chapter on January 27th, accompanied by Rt. Ex. Companion Peacock, who was making his official call, and who, out of the goodness of his heart, allowed me to accept the honor of installing the newly elected officers, reserving to himself the right of criticizing that and the Chapter work. In the latter he had small scope, as the Mark Master's degree was exemplified in good form. Everyone in Banff was busy preparing for the Carnival, but notwithstanding, the good Companions, in addition to the usual hospitality, took us for a nice sleigh ride during which we had the pleasure of viewing the beauties of scenery and other attractions.

Strathmore, No. 21, Strathmore

On January 28th I visited Strathmore Chapter. Here I found Rt. Ex. Companion Bates on hand to welcome me and we spent a pleasant evening. No degree work, but the new officers showed their proficiency in opening and closing. I must not overlook the "Fourth Degree" which was appreciated, especially "Dad's" coffee.

Bow Valley, No. 10, Gleichen

January 29th I paid a visit to Bow Valley and enjoyed very much the exemplification of the H. R. A. by the new officers with the exception of the Second Principal, who could not get in, and for which I do not blame him. Thirty below and a twenty mile drive make a combination hard to overcome. The work of the First Principal, Prin. Soj. and the Masters of the Veils is particularly to be commended, especially considering their short time in office. Had the pleasure of presenting Ex. Companion Umbrite with his Past First Principal's jewel.

Mount Olivet, No. 17, Killam

Accompanied by Rt. Ex. Companion W. J. Stephenson. I visited Mount Olivet Chapter on February 15th and enjoyed the conferring the M.M.M.'s degree. Considering it was an Emergent meeting and the state of the roads and weather the attendance was good, though the proportion of resident Killam Companions was not large.

Keystone, No. 12, Red Deer

I attended an Emergent meeting of Keystone Chapter February 16th and the exemplification of the H. R. A. was practically perfect. Had a nice turnout and an enjoyable evening. A strong Chapter in capable hands, with excellent material.

Joseph Stauffer, No. 22, Didsbury

On February 17th, accompanied and assisted by M. Ex. Companion Downey and Rt. Ex. Companion Peacock, I visited and consecrated Joseph Stauffer Chapter. As there would have been a wait for the train bringing in the Calgary Companions, the First Principal, on short notice, arranged for an exemplification of the H. R. A. and, while all the sitting officers were not able to be present, those there, with the assistance of past officers, carried it through in a very creditable manner.

Shekinah, No. 4, Lethbridge

I have attended every meeting of this, my mother Chapter, during the year, with the exception of two when I was out of town. I do not think Shekinah needs much comment and I shall leave it for your Superintendent.

One event worthy of notice was the Chapter of Instruction, called by Rt. Ex. Companion Allen, Supt. of District No. 5, held under the auspices of Shekinah on January 16th. All the Chapters of the District with the exception of one were represented, but I hope in future to see a larger number of the members taking an interest in these events.

I regret I was not able to make a visit to Vermilion, No. 14, but the train service would not permit my using the time for an evening meeting, and the members were afraid they could not get the Companions together during the daytime. I had to forego my visit, having meetings arranged for covering the succeeding dates.

DISPENSATIONS ISSUED

Alberta Chapter, No. 1, to install E. Comp. F. B. Cooper as 2nd Prin.

Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3, to install E. Comp. E. D. Stone as 2nd Prin.

Shenikah Chapter, No. 4, to change place of meeting.

Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, to receive application of Bro. Bulloch, a resident for less than twelve months.

Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10, to install out of time.

Calgary Chapter, No. 11, to hold joint installation out of time.

Hillvue Chapter, No. 15, to install out of time.

Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17, to install E. Comp. F. W. Tye as 1st Prin. To install E. Comp. Hadley as 2nd Prin.

The Hiram Chapter, No. 19, to install E. Comp. Lamb as 1st Prin.

Strathmore Chapter No. 21, to receive application of Bro. J. M. Brand, a Master Mason of less than six months.

Crescent Chapter, No. 24, to hold joint installation out of time.

Keystone Chapter, No. 12, to receive application of Bro. H. Willson, a resident of this jurisdiction for less than one year.

DISPENSATIONS REFUSED

Hillvue Chapter No. 15, to accept an application of Bro. Hugh Cameron, a Master Mason of less than six months.

Bekah Chapter, No. 7, to receive application for Exaltation of a Brother who had not been six months a Master Mason nor resided one year in this Grand Jurisdiction. (The reason given for applying for a Dispensation in this case was so that the Brother could receive the degrees before the Chapter called off for the summer months. In view of the fact that this Chapter had not exalted a candidate during the past year I think an opportunity of this kind should be sufficient inducement to continue the meetings so long as there is work to be done.)

BY-LAWS APPROVED

Joseph Stauffer No. 22 and The Hiram No. 19.

CHANGES IN BY-LAWS APPROVED

Otuskwan, No. 19—To raise Exaltation fee to \$50.00.

Calgary, No. 11—To raise dues to \$4.00 per annum.

Shekinah, No. 4—Revision of By-laws.

Strathmore, No. 21—To raise annual dues to \$6.00.

The Hiram, No. 19—To change night of meeting.

Bow Valley, No. 10—To raise annual dues to \$6.00 and Exaltation fee to \$50.00.

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS NEAR THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALBERTA

British Columbia.—R. E. Comp. H. H. Fletcher, Calgary.

New York.—R. E. Comp. Geo. B. McLeod, Edmonton.

South Carolina.—V. E. Comp. Jno. J. Green, Edmonton.

Pennsylvania.—R. E. Comp. J. W. H. S. Kemmis, Cowley.

APPROVAL OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THIS GRAND CHAPTER NEAR OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS

British Columbia.—R. E. Comp. J. W. Prescott, Vancouver, B.C.

Wisconsin.—R. E. Comp. Geo. W. Bell, Hudson, Wis.

South Carolina.—R. E. Comp. Wm. A. Giles, Aiken, S.C.

Idaho.—R. E. Comp. J. H. Padgham, Salmon, Idaho.

COURTESIES RECEIVED FROM OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS

British Columbia—

Kaien Chapter, No. 13, Prince Rupert, granted waiver of jurisdiction to Capital City Chapter, No. 13, on Bros. E. E. Graham and P. F. McGregor, of Dewey, B.C.

New York—

At the request of North Star Chapter, No. 2, Comp. E. A. Hughes a member of North Star, but resident in New York City, was coached in the Royal Arch degree by a New York Chapter.

I think this is the proper place in our Proceedings to mention an occasion, on which those of us who had the privilege of being present at the meetings of the Chapters called for that purpose can always look back with delight, the reception of Col. W. N. Ponton, the M. Ex. The Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada, on his visit to our Jurisdiction. In the older East such events are possibly of more frequent occurrence, but in the farther and newer West, of wider distances, we have not had the same opportunities for such interchange of courtesies.

M. Ex. Companion Ponton is too well known in the Masonic world to need any comment of mine, but I am sure the Companions will agree with me that the privilege of meeting and hearing him is appreciated here. His stirring address, the expression of high and noble sentiments yet overflowing with the milk of human kindness and fraternal love, will not soon be forgotten, while the under current of stern and unyielding loyalty to our Order and Flag, which at times could not be suppressed, but must have expression, will, I hope, not be lost sight of. The tie that binds us to our Mother Grand Chapter has been drawn closer and strengthened fourfold by his visit to us.

I was not able to be present at the meeting of the Edmonton Chapters called for this purpose, but your Grand Chapter was well and ably represented there in the persons of your Grand Second and Third Principals, R. Ex. Companions Dr. Darling and Coote, and I wish to thank the Edmonton and Calgary Chapters for carrying out the wishes of your Grand Chapter in the whole hearted manner they did.

REQUESTS OF OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS REFUSED

Maine—

That the degrees of M.M.M., M.E.M. and R.A. be conferred on a Brother now a resident of Edmonton, but whose application had been accepted in Daniel Randall Chapter, No. 65, at Island Falls, Maine, but who had left Maine before any of the degrees could be conferred on him.

DECISIONS

Hillvue Chapter, No. 15—Refused to allow a petition to be withdrawn after it had been received and had been referred to the Committee on Character.

Crescent Chapter, No. 24—Comp. J. W. Verge was suspended for N.P.D. by Hillvue Chapter, No. 15, December 19th, 1919. On November 29th, 1920, his application for affiliation, containing the usual declaration as to good standing, was received by Crescent Chapter. On December 29th, 1920, he was balloted for and accepted. Comp. Verge was not declared reinstated by Hillvue Chapter until January 6th, 1921, and a demit issued to him the same date. I cannot see how, especially in view of the fact that his dues were not forwarded to Hillvue Chapter till December 30th, he could have been considered in good standing and accepted December 29th.

Decided that Comp. Verge's name, if appearing there, should be struck off the membership of Crescent Chapter, and it will be necessary for him to make a new application for affiliation, if he desires to join that Chapter.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

I must congratulate our Grand Superintendents on the careful and serious view they have taken of their duties and responsibilities, and I have much pleasure in certifying that the following Companions have performed their duties as such in a faithful and satisfactory manner, and are entitled to the Rank of Right Excellent Companion, as Past Grand Superintendent:

- R. Ex. Companion R. C. Macdonald, Grand Supt., District No. 1.
- R. Ex. Companion W. J. Stephenson, Grand Supt. District No. 2.
- R. Ex. Companion M. B. Peacock, Grand Supt., District No. 3.
- R. Ex. Companion T. W. Bates, Grand Supt., District No. 4.
- R. Ex. Companion Jno. Allan, Grand Supt., District No. 5.

This report would be incomplete without a reference to the excellent work of your Grand Scribe F., R. Ex. Companion J. E. Johnson. With the increase in membership the work of his office is becoming correspondingly heavier, and the statements presented to you are proof of the care and accuracy with which he has performed his duties. In addition to this, his unfailing courtesy, experience and sound judgment in the handling of the affairs of Grand Chapter are assets not to be overlooked, and should have tangible recognition.

There are two questions dealt with by your Grand Chapter at its last session about which there appear to be differences of opinion.

The question of the "Moon Schedules" appears wider in its aspects than was apparently foreseen. Apart from the question of the assistance of the additional light for travelling to the meetings, we must realize that no less than forty-seven of a total of one hundred and eight Craft Lodges in our territory meet according to this method of fixing dates, and as our Chapters meet in the same rooms as do the Lodges any change on their part may cause a conflict of dates of meeting. I cannot see how the matter can be corrected till such time as the Lodges adopt the practice of fixing definite dates for their meetings. To avoid confusion I would suggest that at the beginning of the year the Scribe E. of every Chapter which meets according to the "Moon Schedule" work out the definite date for every regular meeting of his Chapter for the ensuing year and forward a list of such meetings to the Grand Scribe F.

The matter of the assessment for the Benevolent Fund does not appear to have been fully understood by some of the Chapters. A more careful perusal of the Proceedings and detailed report to the Chapters by their Delegates to the Grand Chapter would help matters.

I would recommend a fuller consideration of the question of the Benevolent Fund at this session of the Grand Chapter.

In comparing our progress with that of other years our increase in membership of 246 should be considered very satisfactory. There have been no new Chapters instituted, so there is no overlapping from that source. In regard to this phase of the question, why not register only the Exaltations by Chapters working under Dispensation? When Charters are granted the added membership of those who signed the application will be balanced by the withdrawals of these members from their Mother Chapters. This is not a new idea, but is in force in some jurisdictions.

I cannot help but be impressed by the deeper sense of the importance of the degrees and their lessons entertained by the average Craft Mason than does the Chapter member, and I believe one very strong reason for this is the apparent ease with which the Chapter member acquires his degrees after being accepted.

I would suggest that it be made law that no Brother can be received as a M.E.M until the expiry of one calendar month from the time he was advanced to the degree of M.M.M., and the same period of probation again elapse before he can be exalted, and in every case advancement only to be made after satisfactory examination of the candidate, as laid down, in open Lodge; also that the Brother's Mark must be selected and registered before he is advanced. I would also suggest that definite regulations be made and enforced covering the number of candidates to be taken through the several degrees or parts of the ceremonies at one time.

I would suggest that the Grand Superintendents make their official visits immediately after the meeting of Grand Chapter, or as soon thereafter as is possible, and before those Chapters which do so have called off for the summer months. They will be in a position to give authoritative ruling and advice on any changes which may have been made, and to make early correction of any irregularities they may find before these may have become habit. Later in the year call their Chapters of Instruction, at which our Grand Lecturer can be present, and which, beside being held for purpose of receiving instruction in the ritual, etc., should really be District Grand Chapters, at which any suggestions for changes, or any matters affecting the Craft generally, can be taken up and discussed. In the event of any action being required by Grand Chapter on any questions brought forward at these meetings proper notice of motion could be given before December 31st in accordance with our constitution. I might go further and suggest that, after printing of the Proceedings and receipt of their copies by the Chapters, every Chapter call a special meeting for the purpose of considering and becoming fully acquainted with the doings of the Grand Chapter. There can then be no excuse for pleading ignorance of any new legislation.

I think by some method such as this we might secure some good ideas from the large body of members who do not appear at the meetings of Grand Chapter, as well as give them an added and closer interest in our general affairs.

And now, Companions, in laying down the sceptre of office you will bear with me if I still further trespass on your patience, as it is the last time I shall have the authority or opportunity of doing so. What can we, as individuals, do to assist towards picking up and bringing together the scattered threads of what might be termed the inactive members of our order, and weaving them again into their proper place in our great "Cable Tow" which shall then bind us all the firmer and closer together?

A survey of conditions existing in our Chapters, a comparison of the attendance with the total membership—leaving out the drawbacks of travel, etc., in the sparsely settled districts, leaving out what might be termed the large silent vote, those who are carrying on the work (and good work too) in their own quiet way—still shows a wide discrepancy. It may be that it is their innate modesty keeps these Companions away. They may feel somewhat like the young girl who left her country home to take service in the nearby city, with high hopes of improving her condition, socially and financially. She returned to her home after a few days and, on being questioned as to her reason for doing so, replied "She could not afford to work for any family who could not afford to employ better help than she, herself, was." To our Companions who are staying away from our meetings and who are not sharing in our activities for any such reason as this the best and easiest remedy is to cultivate a little interest in the affairs and doings of the local organization. One of the first lessons taught us was: "In all important undertakings there must be Wisdom to contrive, Strength to support and Beauty to adorn", and I think our presiding officers will consider we are, if only by our attendance, displaying at least one of these estimable virtues, as a well filled Chapter room is a beautiful sight, and if we acquire this one it will not be long before we, unknown to ourselves, develop a new and healthier growth of the other two, and our "Family" be in a position to employ "help" that will not be doubtful of its own qualifications.

I wish to thank the Past Grand Officers for their kindly assistance and advice, always freely given, and the Chapters for their kind reception and splendid hospitality, and all for making this a year of the most pleasant associations that has fallen to my lot.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,



On Motion of R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, seconded by R. E. Comp. David McIntosh, it was

RESOLVED, That the address of the M. Ex. Grand First Principal, be referred to the Committee on Grand Z's address.

RECEPTION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF SISTER GRAND CHAPTERS

The Grand Scribe, having called the roll of Representatives of Sister Grand Chapters, and the Grand Director of Ceremonies, having assembled them at the Altar, M. E. Comp. Norman T. Macleod, Grand Z, addressed them as follows:

Excellent Companions:

It is with unmixed feelings of pleasure and satisfaction we welcome you to our annual convocation.

The past year marks an important epoch in our history in the appointment of Representatives at and the receiving of the official Representatives of the last of the Capitular Grand Bodies, which were in existence at the time of the organization of our own Grand Chapter, thus completing that great chain encircling the whole world of Capitular Masonry.

We trust that it will be your every endeavour, as it will be ours, to be watchful that no untoward act or thought, however trivial, may tend to weaken a single link of that chain or mar its brilliancy, that, while its strength shall hold us firmly as members of one harmonious family in the bonds of friendship and brotherly affection, its lustre may shine forth undimmed, as a guiding light to all humanity.

As members of our own immediate family, as well as of the Grand Bodies you represent, by keeping in close touch with the proceedings and every day life of both, you have the double opportunity of assisting materially in aiding Capitular Masonry retain its rightful place in the upbuilding and completion of our Masonic Temple.

We have to thank you for your attendance here and trust your participation in our deliberations may be of mutual benefit to you and ourselves, and would ask you to convey from us to the several Grand Chapters you represent our assurance of the continued good-fellowship and the best wishes of the Officers and members of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Each of the Representatives having conveyed to the Grand Z the Greetings from the Grand Chapters represented, R. E. Comp. Geo. D. McLeod, from the Grand Chapter of New York, addressed the Grand First Principal in the following words:

Most Ex. Sir and Companions:

As the Representative of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, I beg to convey to you the fraternal greetings of that great and important body of Royal Arch Masons and to assure you of their pleasure in joining with you in promoting the ideals and advancing the interests of the Masonic world.

As one of the Representatives, bringing greetings from the Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Alberta, permit me, M. Ex. Sir, to express to you our appreciation of your most kindly welcome and to assure you of our accord and that of the Grand Bodies we have the honor to represent in the spirit of and the high ideals of your address of welcome.

As stated by you, we have now completed that great chain of Capitular Masonry encircling the whole world, and this being true, it means, if it means anything, that our responsibilities have increased and become world-wide. May we, as Capitular Masons throughout the world, realize more and more that—

“Between Nation and Nation, as between Man and
Man, exists the one Law of Right”

and that our endeavours, be they domestic, national or international, must be based upon that Law of Right.

May the influence of that great and mysterious Fellowship of Royal Arch Masonry, which we so much cherish, serve to bind the hearts and endeavours of the Companions of all nations in a great purpose to bring about in very fact the reign of peace, the advancement of the rights of man and the gratifying of his higher and nobler aspirations, the uplifting of the downtrodden and oppressed, the helping of the poor, all making to a truer worship of the God we strive to serve and drawing closer the bonds of love and friendship of all Companions.

And may Capitular Masonry, in the great days that are before us, play no mean part in the advancement of those high purposes, that we may not fail in our responsibilities—the responsibilities that are ours. Responsibilities to one another, responsibilities and duties to the state, striving to bring all our activities, all our efforts, all our endeavours more and more into harmony with the Divine Will, the One Law of Right.

The Grand Honors having been given the Representatives, the Grand Z requested them to be seated.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WARRANTS

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Alberta:

We, your Committee on Warrants, beg to state that nothing in the nature of warrants coming before us, we have nothing to report.

Fraternally Submitted,

T. W. BATES.

W. J. STEPHENSON.

D. McINTOSH.

On motion of Rt. Ex. Comp. T. W. Bates, seconded by Rt. Ex. Comp. W. J. Stephenson, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters of regret at being unable to be present at this Convocation were read from R. E. Comps. Hiram Darling, Jesse Elliott, H. H. Fletcher and W. J. Seed.

Letters of good wishes and congratulations were read from M. E. Comp. E. B. Paul, Grand Z of British Columbia. R. E. Comp. J. W. Prescott, Grand Scribe E of British Columbia and M. E. Comp. Walter J. Francis, Grand Z of Quebec.

Many of the Companions expressed their regret at the illness of R. E. Comp. Hiram Darling, Grand H, who is now convalescing in Rochester, Pennsylvania, and

On motion of M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, seconded by M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey, it was

RESOLVED, That the communications be received and that of R. E. Comp. Darling be answered during the session by telegram, and the others by letter, by the Grand Scribe E.



Grand Superintendents' Reports

DISTRICT NO. 1

Edmonton, March 8th, 1921

To the Most Excellent The Grand Z., Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta:

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

As Superintendent of District No. 1, I have the honor to submit the following report on conditions of Capitulary Masonry as I found them in this District during the past twelve months.

I have visited all the Chapters officially and have found the greatest harmony prevailing, the Chapters well officered and the work uniform throughout, with a goodly increase in membership.

I visited Vermilion Chapter in June and saw the Royal Arch Degree exemplified by the officers there. The degree was well put on showing the keen interest the officers were taking in their work. The books were well kept and harmony prevailed.

I visited Capital City Chapter on numerous occasions and saw all the degrees exemplified at the various meetings. Too much praise cannot be given this Chapter for the excellence of their work and the general good feeling that prevails among the members. The books were well and neatly kept.

I visited Norwood Chapter at various times, saw them work all the degrees and found the officers taking a keen interest in the work and making every effort to build up their chapter on a good sound basis. There was a fairly good attendance at all their meetings. The books were well kept.

I have been a regular attendant at my own Chapter (North Star). The officers are fairly proficient in their work and a keen desire for good fellowship prevails at all times.

In all the Chapters there are a few delinquents as regards the payment of dues, but these are being well looked after by the Scribe E of the various Chapters.

In December a Chapter of Instruction was held in the 116th Street Lodge room when the three degrees were worked by the Edmonton Chapters. At this meeting Most Excellent Companion N. T. Macleod, Grand First Principal, Right Excellent Companion W. T. Coote, Grand Third Principal, were present, which added greatly to the interest taken by the Companions.

I regret that our good friend, R. E. Comp. Dr. H. Darling, Grand Second Principal, was not able to be with us. Owing to serious illness he has been compelled to absent himself from the Province and seek a more favorable climate, at least temporarily, and I understand will not be able to attend this Convocation of Grand Chapter. He is a member of my own Chapter and has always been of great assistance and a great help in all branches of Masonry. He has the sympathy of all and our earnest prayers for a speedy recovery to good health.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Companions for electing me to this office one year ago and for the courteous treatment I have received at their hands during my term of office.

Fraternally yours,

R. C. MACDONALD,

Superintendent District No. 1.

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF CHAPTER RETURNS AND PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR THE YEAR 1920

Chapter	Number	Location	No. of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergent Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	No. Members last Return	No. of Affiliations	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	M.M.M. Degrees Conferred	M.E.M. Degrees Conferred	R.A. Degrees Conferred	Present Membership	No. of Members 12 mths. in Arrears	Liabilities	Assets (Cash or Securities)	Assets, Property, Regalia, Etc.	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance	Amount Granted to Benevolence	Prospects	No. of Lodges to Draw From	
*North Star.	2	Edmonton...	—	—	—	—	239	2	4	3	—	—	27	—	—	269	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	good	C	
Capital City	13	Edmonton....	10	10	40	\$5 00	225	—	1	1	4	—	37	39	40	259	80	—	\$2,369 00	—	\$413 00	\$700 00	\$100 00	good	C	
Vermilion..	14	Vermilion...	9	3	15 { 5 00 } 3 00 }	64	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	4	68	18	—	—	\$1,000 00	—	\$800 00	—	—	good	4
Norwood	18	Edmonton....	9	9	16 { 5 00 } 3 00 }	60	4	1	2	—	—	1	6	6	4	80	13	—	\$278 00	\$780 00	\$88 00	\$800 00	—	—	good	C

*Complete Statement not Received.
C Concurrent Jurisdiction.

DISTRICT No. 2

Red Deer, Feb. 28th, 1921

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z , Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter R. A. M., of Alberta

In presenting to you my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 2 for the past year, I have much pleasure in stating that the Chapters in this District are in a healthy condition, and have made satisfactory progress. Each Chapter has been visited by me at least once and I have found the finances of the Chapters in sound condition, regular meetings being held, with one exception, the degrees in nearly every case being very well exemplified, and the books of the Scribes E. well and carefully kept, with the exception of the Book of Marks and Historical Register, which appear in nearly every Chapter to have been neglected somewhat.

On April 16th I had the pleasure of installing the officers of Keystone Chapter, No. 12, on my first official visit. This Chapter is fortunate in having energetic and capable officers, is in very good financial condition, and is making very satisfactory growth in membership. A pleasing feature of the degree work in Keystone Chapter is the exceptionally good work, of some of the younger Companions. The books of Scribe E are in excellent shape, though it must be noted the arrears of dues outstanding are too high.

On July 15th I visited Coronation Chapter, No. 23, when the Royal Arch degree was impressively conferred by Ex. Comp. Locke. As this is the youngest Chapter in the district it was particularly pleasing to note the good progress being made, and the excellent manner in which the degree work was exemplified by the officers. The Chapter is well equipped with necessary regalia, the books well kept, and the companions enthusiastic. Meetings are held regularly and a healthy growth in membership is being made.

On October 27th I had the pleasure of accompanying M. Ex. Comp. Macleod on his official visit to Coronation Chapter, and assisting in the ceremony of Consecrating and Dedicating the Chapter. As the Grand Lodge officers were also holding a Lodge of Instruction the same evening, we were fortunate in having in attendance a number of distinguished Companions, including M. Ex. Comps. S. Y. Taylor, and M. M. Downey, Rt. Ex. Comp. J. H. Kemmis, Comp. W. J. Botterill, and others. A very enjoyable banquet closed a pleasant and instructive evening.

On December 2nd a Chapter of Instruction was held in Wetaskiwin, M. Ex. Comp. Macleod being present on his official visit, accompanied by M. Ex. Comp. Downey. The M.M.M., M.E.M. and H.R.A. degrees were conferred upon a class of several candidates, including R. W. Bro. J. Watson Young, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. The M.M.M. degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. Geo. D. Wallace and officers of Mt. Horeb Chapter, the M.E.M. degree by Ex. Comp. F. A. McEwan and officers of Keystone Chapter, and the Royal Arch degree was conferred in very impressive manner by Most Ex. Comp. N. T. Macleod, assisted by the other Grand Chapter

officers present. After the degree work an address was given by M. Ex. Comp. Macleod, and a number of questions answered on matters of ritual, etc. After the Chapter closed we were entertained royally at a banquet served by the Wetaskiwin ladies.

Mr. Horeb Chapter has not been holding meetings as regularly as might be desired, and the degree work might be improved. With the excellent new material being taken in and a little more enthusiasm and practice on the part of the officers this Chapter should make good progress. The Chapter is well equipped with regalia, has very good quarters, and the books are in good condition.

On January 6th I again visited Coronation Chapter and installed the officers for 1921. I was accompanied and assisted by Rt. Ex. Comp. Lord and Ex. Comp. McEwan, of Keystone Chapter. We were most hospitably entertained by the officers and companions. I am pleased to find that this young chapter is making excellent progress.

On February 15th I accompanied M. Ex. Comp. Macleod on his official visit to Mt. Olivet Chapter No. 17, Killam. We met with a very cordial reception from the companions present, many of whom, in spite of the stormy weather, had shown their interest by travelling a considerable distance to be present. The M.M.M. degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. Tye and his officers in a very able manner. The books of Scribe E. are well kept, and the finances in good condition. In common with those of most Chapters, however, the Book of Marks and the Historical Register should receive attention. This Chapter has a large field to draw from, and in spite of the fact that most of the members reside at some distance, the officers are enthusiastic and well skilled, and it is pleasing to note that the membership has almost trebled in the last two years.

On February 16th I had the pleasure of introducing M. Ex. Comp. Macleod on his official visit to Keystone Chapter No. 12. There was a good attendance of companions, and the Royal Arch degree was very ably conferred on two candidates by Ex. Comp. F. A. McEwan and his officers. After the degree work was concluded, an adjournment was made to the banquet table, and an enjoyable time spent. As this is my mother Chapter I have attended all the convocations during the year, and am pleased to report that the degree work is being very well exemplified, regular meetings being held, the books in good condition, and some excellent material being accepted.

I am pleased to report that harmony exists throughout the District and each Chapter is making satisfactory progress. The books of the Scribes E. are kept in a very satisfactory manner, but I have invariably found that the Historical Register and the Book of Marks were not receiving proper attention. I would therefore respectfully recommend for the consideration of Grand Chapter:

1. That no companion receive the degree of M.E.M. until he has registered his mark with Scribe E.
2. That if possible a sample book of marks be sent to each Chapter, from which members might choose suitable marks.

3. That the Scribes E. of all Chapters in the jurisdiction be requested to have the Historical Register of their Chapter fully written up by some qualified companion, giving details of the formation and progress of the Chapter, and a copy of the same be forwarded to the Grand Scribe E. to be filed by him as material from which a History of Capitular Masonry in Alberta may be at some future time compiled.

In conclusion I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Companions of the District for the unvarying kindness and courtesy extended to me as your representative, and to the Companions who accompanied me on a number of my visits.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. STEPHENSON,

Grand Superintendent District No. 2.

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF CHAPTER RETURNS AND PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT NO. 2 FOR THE YEAR 1920

Chapter	Number	Location	No. of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergent Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	No. Members last Return	No. of Affiliations	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	M.M.M. Degrees Conferred	M.E.M. Degrees Conferred	R.A. Degrees Conferred	Present Membership	No. of Members 12 mths. in Arrears	Liabilities	Assets Cash or Securities	Assets, Property, Regalia, Etc.	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance	Amount Granted to Benevolence	Prospects	No. of Lodges to Draw From
*Mt. Horeb.	6	Wetaskiwin .	—	—	—	—	80	1	—	1	—	1	8	—	—	87	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Keystone..	12	Red Deer .	10	3	16	3 00	114	2	—	—	—	2	22	21	21	136	30	—	\$532 00	\$882 00	\$328 00	\$1,000 00	\$101 00	good	6
Mt. Olivet ..	17	Killam . .	10	—	22	5 00	50	—	—	—	—	—	20	20	20	70	45	—	\$746 09	—	\$325 00	—	—	good	7
Coronation..	23	Coronation....	12	1	15	6 00	25	1	—	—	—	—	9	9	8	35	—	\$63 00	\$105.42	\$681 94	\$54 50	\$450 0	—	good	3

*Complete Statement not received.

DISTRICT No. 3

Calgary, February 28th, 1921.

To the Most Excellent Grand Z, Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta:

Most Excellent Sir and Companion:

It affords me very much pleasure to report to you the conditions of Royal Arch Masonry in District No. 3, comprising Alberta Chapter No. 1, Golden West Chapter No. 5, Calgary Chapter No. 11, Banff Chapter No. 20 and Joseph Stauffer Chapter No. 22, all of which Chapters I have visited from time to time during my year of office.

During the year all Chapters in the District have been holding regular meetings and exemplifying the three degrees in a very satisfactory manner. A spirit of enthusiasm and a high standard of efficiency in the work of the three degrees has been evinced by the officers of the respective Chapters.

Most of the Chapters have lost members by removal and death as well as by suspension for non-payment of dues and demits being taken by members. A substantial increase has been made in membership by affiliation and exaltation.

Most of the Chapters have been carrying members, who were in arrears with their dues, for a number of years. The officers realized that it was not fair to their Chapter the Grand Chapter and the members themselves to allow this to continue. They have accordingly lived up to the strict letter of the By-laws and the Constitutions, and a number have been suspended for non-payment of dues. The increase in membership will not come up to the expectation of the officers, yet I am satisfied that the Chapters will be in a much better shape from the action taken.

The City of Calgary is the center of District No. 3. Within the past year or two five new Chapters, namely: Hiram Chapter No. 19, at Youngstown; Banff Chapter, No. 20, Banff; Strathmore Chapter No. 21, at Strathmore; Joseph Stauffer Chapter No. 22, at Didsbury and Crescent Chapter No. 24, in Calgary, have been granted Chapters. A considerable number of the Companions who are now members of these five Chapters were formerly members of the three Calgary Chapters.

The Companions seem to take it for granted that when they become members of the new Chapter, they automatically lose their membership in their Mother Chapter and in consequence they fail to pay their dues in the Mother Chapter and neglect to ask for a demit. As a result they are suspended in one Chapter although they are paying their annual dues in the other Chapter. These Companions should attend to this; the procedure is quite simple. The fact remains that they fail to get their Demit and unless a personal explanation is made to them they feel an injustice has been done. I think some action should be taken by the Grand Chapter in this matter.

The work throughout the District in all three degrees as well as Chapters I have visited in other Districts is uniform with the exception of placing the twelve Banners. Some Chapters endeavour to place the twelve Banners in such a way as to make a Catenarian Arch. This necessitates placing the Banners away from the edge of the Mosaic contrary to the constitution. This is due probably to an attempt to follow the diagram on page 63 which is drawn in perspective. I also wish to point out that two of the Chapters in this District are still holding their meetings under the Moon Schedule. As most of the Blue Lodges, from which they draw their members, hold their meetings under the Moon Schedule and the officers come from different towns, I cannot see that a definite date can be arranged for until the Blue Lodges meet on stated dates. I, however, would suggest that the First Principal in the Chapters meeting under the Moon Schedule notify the Grand Scribe E., immediately after the meeting of the Grand Chapter, of the dates of all regular meetings for the next twelve months; that the Grand Scribe E. furnish the Grand First Principal and the Grand Superintendent of the District with a copy of such information. I have taken up with the officers of Chapters meeting under the Moon Schedule the question of changing to regular dates and although they have been willing to do everything possible to make the change, there seem to be difficulties in the way.

I have examined the books of the five Chapters in this District. They are in excellent condition. The five Chapters are to be congratulated in having efficient Scribes E. Most of the Chapters have a substantial balance to their credit and the funds are properly invested. The Chapters are doing considerable relief work and should be encouraged in this. I, however, wish to point out that the Book of Marks is in a deplorable state. The Scribes and officers seem to be doing everything possible to overcome the failure of the Companions to register their Mark. As our membership increases the difficulty of selecting a Mark becomes greater. If some arrangement could be entered into whereby the Marks from each Chapter could be designated as belonging to that Chapter and a Book of Marks given to a Chapter approved of by the Grand Chapter, the difficulty to a great extent would be overcome, especially if the Mark had to be registered before the Holy Royal Arch was conferred.

Most of the Chapters refuse to advance a Candidate until he has been examined in open Chapter on the work of the preceding degree. This is having a good effect. The average attendance in each Chapter in this District is becoming better all the time but there is still room for improvement. My duty as Grand Superintendent in District No. 3 has been made a pleasure by the assistance given me by the officers of all Chapters.

Most Ex. Comp. Ponton, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada, being a visitor in this District was invited by the Most Ex. the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Alberta to accompany him on an official visit to the Calgary Chapters. They were accompanied by a large number of Grand Chapter officers. A joint meeting of the four Chapters at Calgary was held. A large number of members from the other Chapters in Districts No. 3 and 4 took advantage of the occasion to pay a visit to the Calgary Chapters. The Chapter room was crowded to its capacity and a most enjoyable evening spent. After the regular work in the Chapter room the

Companions retired to the banquet room where the remainder of the evening was spent. The Grand Superintendent of District No. 4, was present on this occasion and assisted in an able manner.

The officers of the four Calgary Chapters were jointly installed at the Masonic Temple, Alexander Corner, by the Most Ex. Grand First Principal, the Grand Lecturer, Most Ex. Comp. M. M. Downey, your Grand Superintendent and other officers. The attendance was very large and the Chapter rooms were again crowded.

This is probably the last Installation of Officers that will take place in this building, as I understand the building has been sold and will be remodelled. The Companions have received notice to vacate the premises by the end of April. I believe arrangements are under way to secure suitable premises elsewhere. After the Installation suitable addresses were made by the Grand First Principal, the Grand Lecturer and other Grand Officers. The Companions then retired to the Board of Trade rooms where lunch was served and the remainder of the evening spent.

I paid an official visit to all Chapters in this District and to most of the Chapters on more than one occasion, and have, with the exception of Golden West and Banff Chapters, seen all the degrees conferred in a very able manner, both by the officers for 1920 and the newly elected for 1921. Alberta Chapter, of which I am a member, is in excellent shape. During the year 1920, Ex. Comp. W. D. Spence, Third Principal, was unable, owing to illness in the early part of the year and his absence from the District in the later part of the year, to give much attention to his work. Past Principals gave their assistance and this Chapter is to be congratulated in making excellent progress in the year 1920. The officers of the present year are all capable and doing excellent work.

I visited Golden West Chapter No. 5, at High River, and was accompanied by the Most Ex. the Grand Z., Most Ex. Comp. M. M. Downey and Comp. P. D. McLaren. The Mark Degree was conferred by the officers of this Chapter. The officers of this Chapter are capable and efficient. They have the advantage of having a number of Past Zs. who are very much interested in Capitular Masonry.

Calgary Chapter No. 11 is making excellent progress. The attendance is good; the officers have exemplified the work in an excellent manner. This Chapter has been required to vacate its present premises and has made arrangements to move across to Hillhurst. I advised them if they wished to move during my year of office, I would be pleased to recommend same. I have seen all three degrees conferred by this Chapter and cannot speak too highly of the work done by all officers.

I visited Banff Chapter accompanied by the Most Ex. the Grand First Principal and installed the officers. After the Installation the officers put on the Mark Degree which was done in a very efficient manner. This Chapter has two Blue Lodges to draw from. The membership is small; a lot of the members are outside of Alberta. If this Chapter could arrange to hold meetings in the summer the attendance would be much larger. I suggested to them that they invite the officers of other Chapters to pay a fraternal visit during the summer months. The Companions of this Chapter, especially the officers, are very busy during this period. They are quite prepared to

carry on in the present building but this is almost impossible as the ground floor is used as a dance hall. They have approached the owners and endeavored to enter into arrangements whereby the dances would not be held the same evening a Chapter would meet. They could not make any arrangements; as a result they are endeavoring to get other quarters or to erect a suitable building for their own use.

I visited Joseph Stauffer Chapter No. 22, and, assisted by the Rt. Ex. Comp. T. Rankine, installed the officers. This is a new Chapter, the officers reside in different towns and they meet under the Moon Schedule. As these members have to come from a considerable distance, they had been in the habit of conferring all three degrees in one night, and this meant that the officers were very tired and there was a tendency on the part of some of the officers to refer to the Ritual. This has been eliminated, and on my last visit (on the 17th of February) the officers put on the Holy Royal Arch in an excellent manner. The Grand First Principal and the Grand Lecturer were present on this occasion. After the degree work the Chapter was Consecrated. I feel satisfied that this Chapter will in time be one of the most efficient Chapters in this District.

On the 16th of February, 1921, I held a Chapter of Instruction at Calgary and the Holy Royal Arch was exemplified. Alberta Chapter, No. 1, opened and took charge until the passing of the veils. The officers of Calgary Chapter, No. 11, then took charge and closed the Chapter. Representatives from the three outside Chapters were present, the attendance was fairly large and the work was done in an excellent manner. Two Companions acted as Candidates. After the Degree was exemplified questions were put and answered on this and on the other two Degrees.

A number of the Chapters are finding it difficult to meet their obligations and to pay the assessment toward the Benevolent Fund. If the Chapters are to keep out of debt and lay aside any funds for future contingency, they will be forced to raise the Initiation Fee. I quite realize that these are questions which will have to be dealt with by the Chapters themselves or the Grand Chapter. I, however, feel it is my duty to call your attention to the fact that the costs of carrying on seem to be increasing more rapidly than revenues of the various Chapters. The Scribes had their books ready for my inspection and have supplied me with notices calling their meetings in ample time.

In conclusion permit me, through the medium of this report, to convey to the Companions of the District a sincere expression of my thanks for the many courtesies extended to me during the past year, which has contributed considerably in making my term of office such that it will be a pleasure to remember. I wish to thank the Most Ex. Grand First Principal, the Grand Scribe E., and the Grand Lecturer for the assistance they have so readily given me in carrying out the duties of my office, also to thank those Companions who so kindly accompanied me on my official visits.

I have endeavored to discharge the duties of the office to the best interest of Royal Arch Masonry. At times I have criticised and the Companions may have thought it too severe. I have done this, not through any love of criticising, but with the desire that the work should become uniform and the officers more efficient in the

work of Capitular Masonry. I trust that my efforts have met with the approval of the Companions and that the Companions will realize that the Superintendent has duties to perform, which, at times, will necessarily call forth adverse criticism. The Institution is of such great importance that we should endeavor to advance it and carry out our duties, even if adverse criticism must result. In closing, I wish to thank the Companions for having bestowed on me the honor of electing me to the office one year ago. It is with regret that I vacate this office which has been one of pleasure and profit to me.

Faternally yours,

MARK B. PEACOCK,

Grand Superintendent District No. 3.

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF CHAPTER RETURNS AND PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT NO. 3 FOR THE YEAR 1920

Chapter	Number	Location	No. of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergent Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	No. Members last Return	No. of Affiliations	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	M.M.M. Degrees Conferred	M.E.M. Degrees Conferred	R.A. Degrees Conferred	Present Membership	No. of Members 12 mths. in arrears	Liabilities	Assets (Cash or Securities)	Assets Property, Regalia, Etc.	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance	Amount Granted to Benevolence	Prospects
Alberta.	1	Calgary.	12	10	17	\$4 00	265	4	2	11	9	2	15	15	12	266	95	—	\$315 00	\$1,805.00	\$380 00	\$400 00	\$167 50	good
Golden West.	5	High River..	10	—	12	3 00	115	—	—	2	1	1	10	7	7	121	17	50 00	1,921 00	797 00	282 00	300 00	—	good
Calgary	11	Calgary.	11	11	17	4 00	108	1	2	11	16	—	14	15	14	98	10	—	270 00	200.00	47.00	200 00	25 00	good
Banff.	20	Banff. .	9	—	11	5 00	33	—	—	1	—	1	3	3	4	34	10	—	300 00	500 00	81 70	100 00	20,00	good
Jos. Stauffer	22	Didsbury . . .	10	2	18.4	3 00	45	1	—	—	—	—	17	13	15	63	11	—	112 00	500.00	61.50	500 00	—	good

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DISTRICT No. 4

Gleichen, February 18th, 1921.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Members of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, Royal Arch Masons.

As the Grand Superintendent of the No. 4 District of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, R.A.M., I respectfully submit my report for the Masonic year 1920-21 now drawing to a close:

March 18th, 1920.—I paid a visit to Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, on this date. I found this Chapter in excellent shape under a staff of very capable officers. On this occasion I witnessed the M.M.M. degree conferred in the best of form. I had the great pleasure of meeting Most Ex. Comp. N. T. Macleod, Grand Z, on this occasion, who was also paying Otuskwan, No. 9, his official visit.

April 8th, 1920.—I visited Strathmore Chapter, No. 21, on this date, where I saw the three degrees exemplified on several candidates in good style, but the officers required a little more practice to attain perfection. I am pleased to say this has been attended to, and their work is now very good. I cannot speak too highly of the good fellowship shown to me by this Chapter on this, and all occasions.

May 10th, 1920, took me to Crescent Chapter, No. 24. I here witnessed the M.M.M., conferred by their Ex. Third Principal in first rate style. This Chapter, with a little attention to minor details, should be second to none. Business here was carried on expeditiously. I found the books of this Chapter in very good shape.

On June 4th, 1920, I journeyed to Hiram Chapter, No. 19, Youngstown. Here the labors of the day commenced at 2.30 p.m. and the three degrees were conferred by this Chapter on several candidates in a very efficient manner. The business of this Chapter was also carried out well and without delay. I had the pleasure given me to instal the officers of the Chapter on this occasion. I regret to say that there were no other Grand Officers present on this occasion except V. Ex. Comp. O. J. Cowan. From their returns this Chapter has done well since. Their books I found in good condition with a substantial balance in the bank and \$500.00 invested in Victory Bonds. Hiram, No. 19, did everything to make my visit a pleasant one. I regret that time and circumstances prevented me renewing my acquaintance with the Hiram Chapter.

On October 6th, 1920, I officially visited my home Chapter, Bow Valley, No. 10, Gleichen. This Chapter has not the attendance that their officers would wish as they were handicapped with most of their members living at a distance and their district includes Bassano and Brooks. Notwithstanding, their members are very enthusiastic and their work is always done in an excellent manner.

On October 23rd, 1920, I had the pleasure of being present at a joint meeting of the Calgary Chapters to accord a fitting reception to Most Excellent W. N. Ponton, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada, most of the Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter of Alberta being present.

November 3rd, 1920.—I called, on this date, a Chapter of Instruction at Strathmore. It was gratifying to me to see that all the Chapters in the Masonic District No. 4 were represented. The Chapter was called to order and opened by Ex. Comp. H. W. W. Bell, First Principal, of Strathmore, and his officers. After being introduced and received I had the pleasure of receiving the following distinguished Companions in due form, and in order: Very Excellent Companions G. F. Butler, O. J. Cowan, J. R. Flan, Right Excellent Companions J. E. Johnson, F. S. Selwood and W. E. Mercer and Most Excellent Companion M. M. Downey, Past Grand Principal of the Grand Chapter of Alberta. At 8.30 p.m. the officers of Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, at my invitation, assumed the chairs and conferred the Holy Arch Degree on two candidates from Strathmore. This degree was exemplified in a manner that was a revelation to many present, and I was not disappointed in asking the Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, to do the work. At the conclusion of this part of the work, discussion took place and instruction was given in the H.R.A. degree, which was followed by further questions and instruction in the M.M.M. and M.E.M. degrees. The work of instruction and answering of questions was attended to by M. Ex. Comp. M. M. Downey, Grand Lecturer. The questions asked were numerous and showed the intelligent interest that was taken by the Companions present to make themselves proficient in the details of Capitular Masonry. After the Chapter of Instruction closed all sat down to a sumptuous banquet provided by Strathmore Chapter, No. 21. At this function I realised about \$39.00 by a raffle of a splendid Masonically decorated cake donated by Mrs. G. Frank Butler, of Strathmore. This amount I handed over to Rt. Comp. Selwood for the Masonic Charities. On the whole I consider this Chapter of Instruction a most gratifying success, thanks to the hearty co-operation of all present.

On December 2nd, 1920, I renewed my acquaintance with Otuskwan, No. 9, where I had the honor to act as one of the scrutineers at their Election of Officers. Needless to say this Chapter was keeping up its standard of efficiency.

January 13th, 1921, I attended Strathmore Chapter and assisted Most Ex. Comp. M. M. Downey to install the officers of that Chapter. They have chosen their office bearers well, and I look forward to hear a good account of this Chapter in the future.

January 19th, 1921, I again officially visited my home Chapter, Bow Valley, No. 10, on the occasion of their Installation of Officers. I felt proud to be in a position officially to install the officers of my own Chapter. In this work I was ably assisted by Rt. Ex. Comp. A. R. Yates and Ex. Comp. R. P. Umbrite. Knowing the officers installed to be first-rate men; and with eight local applications for membership Bow Valley ought to go ahead in 1921. After the installation the new officers conferred the H.R.A. degree in a very creditable manner.

On January 28th, 1921, I had the pleasure of attending Most Ex. Comp. N. T. Macleod, Grand First Principal of Alberta, on the occasion of his official visit to Strathmore Chapter, No. 21. Here a very pleasant time was spent and Most Ex. Comp. Macleod gave some excellent advice to all present, not alone on the working of Capitular Masonry, but also on the Moral and Fraternal lessons of the same.

On January 29th, 1921, I accompanied Most Ex. Comp. Macleod on his official visit to Bow Valley, No. 10. Here he again addressed the Companions with that fervency and zeal that is characteristic of him. The H. R. A. degree was here conferred on two candidates. The manner in which this was done drew forth very commendatory remarks from the Most Excellent visitor, justifying my previous remarks about the officers that were selected for 1921.

On February 14th, 1921, I visited Crescent Chapter, No. 24, Calgary. Here I witnessed the Holy Royal Arch degree conferred on several candidates, the new officers doing their work extremely well, especially their Principal Sojourner, whom I had to especially compliment on the way he performed his duties, and repeating his part in a perfect manner. I found their books in excellent condition and their business carried out in a very efficient manner, the best of harmony prevailing.

In presenting to you my report as the First Grand Superintendent of the new No. 4 Masonic District, I cannot compare it with past years, as a district. But for the Grand Chapter year drawing to a close, I have pleasure in stating that the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Fourth Masonic District throughout the year has been characterised by activity, efficiency and a healthy growth, all Chapters sending in their Notices to me regularly and exemplifying the three degrees in a satisfactory manner. Their anxiety to acquire knowledge is to be highly commended. In my opinion Capitular Masonry is in a better condition in the Chapters comprising the No. 4 Masonic District than it has been for some time before. All the Chapter books are now in a satisfactory condition, their paraphernalia insured in reasonable amounts and their financial standing very good.

The social side of Masonry has not been neglected. I have made many friends at those functions and I would recommend this phase of friendship and brotherly love should be encouraged in moderation.

I would recommend the elimination of large classes of candidates being put through all the degrees at the one session as I consider it takes away from the dignity of Capitular Masonry and is tiresome to the candidates, who, under the circumstances, cannot appreciate the beauty of our Chapter work.

I have signed recommendations for several Chapters in my district to be allowed to raise their initiation fees and yearly dues, on account of the increased cost of regalia and other higher incidental expenses, and so keep themselves in a sound financial condition.

I wish now to thank all the Chapters in the No. 4 District for making my term of office one that I will look back to always with the kindest and most pleasant recollections. To the hearty co-operation of Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, and Strathmore, No. 21, I attribute the splendid success of the Chapter of Instruction I called and held at Strathmore. Also I must pay tribute to our Grand Lecturer, Most Ex. Comp. M. M. Downey, who attended and answered all questions in his usual genial and efficient manner.

To Most Ex. Comp. Macleod, for his kind counsel and courtesy to me during the year; also to Rt. Ex. Comps. J. E. Johnson, F. S.

Selwood and W. E. Mercer, Very Ex. Comp. G. F. Butler and Ex. Comps. H. J. Cole and H. W. W. Bell, who gave valuable assistance on all occasions to me when required, I tender my heartiest thanks.

Finally I would ask the Companions of District No. 4 to accept this expression of my sincere appreciation for the honor they conferred on me a year ago. I have tried to discharge the duties of my office to the best of my ability. If I have fallen short in the performance of those duties, I trust you will cover my shortcomings with the broad mantle of Masonic Charity. •

All of which is respectfully and Fraternally submitted.

T. W. BATES,

Grand Superintendent District No. 4.

Grand Chapter of Alberta, R. A. M.

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF CHAPTER RETURNS AND PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT NO. 4 FOR THE YEAR 1920

Chapter	Number	Location	No. of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergent Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	No. Members last Return	No. of Affiliations	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	M.M.M. Degrees Conferred	M.E.M. Degrees Conferred	R.A. Degrees Conferred	Present Membership	No. of Members 12 mths. of Arrears	Liabilities	Assets Cash or Securities	Assets, Property, Regalia, Etc.	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance	Amount Granted to Benevolence	Prospects	No. of Lodges to Draw From	
Otuskwan	9	Calgary. ...	9	9	27	4.00	131	1	—	6	3	—	18	17	15	142	28	—	\$1,500 00	\$900 00	\$158 00	\$900.00	\$17 50	good	C	
Bow Valley	10	Gleichen.	8	3	12	4.00	84	—	1	3	16	—	9	9	3	75	25	—	339.16	800.00	152.60	375 00	—	—	—	3
The Hiram	19	Youngstown...	6	3	15	6.00	47	—	2	—	—	1	8	8	8	56	12	348.00	997 36	300.00	255.00	200.00	40.00	good	6	
Strathmore	21	Strathmore.	11	3	22	4 00	41	2	—	—	—	—	11	11	10	54	18	—	149.80	600.00	106.00	300.00	80.00	excel't	2	
Crescent	24	Calgary.....	12	5	28	3.00	55	4	—	1	—	2	10	6	6	89	—	—	167.00	886.00	7 00	700 00	75.00	good	C	

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DISTRICT No. 5

Macleod, February 1st, 1921.

To the Most Excellent First Principal and Companions
the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, Alberta:

I have the honour to submit herewith my report for this year.

This District as now constituted comprises the following Chapters:

Assiniboia Chapter No. 3—Medicine Hat
Shenikah Chapter No. 4—Lethbridge.
Bekah Chapter No. 7—Macleod.
Kether Chapter No. 8—Pincher Creek.
Hillvue Chapter No. 15—Hillcrest.
Tau Cross Chapter No. 16—Claresholm.

Royal Arch Masonry throughout District No. 5 is in a progressive state. Every Chapter, which I have had the honour of visiting when work was on, has been able to exemplify same in a perfect manner.

In company with the Most Excellent the First Principal, we were present at a special communication of Kether Chapter, at Pincher Creek, when the Most Excellent degree was conferred upon two candidates. This was carried out by Ex. Comp. Donald Thompson, as Master, in classical style. We were unable, on account of having to get to the train, to see it completely finished but am satisfied they are up-to-date with their work in Kether Chapter.

On the second Tuesday of November I made a visit to Tau Cross Chapter, No. 16, at Claresholm, this being their regular evening, but upon this occasion they were unable to muster a quorum. This Chapter is in a very healthy condition financially and has a good hall and splendid regalia; also a good membership. A great many of the Companions live outside the town and are hard to get together during spring and fall. I understand that during the winter months they have been meeting regularly and have their work up in fine shape.

Bekah, my home Chapter, I have been present at every convocation during the past year. This Chapter has only one Blue Lodge to draw from and during the past season or two money has not been overflowing and not one new Companion had been taken into the Chapter for the year. But I think the turning point has been passed as several applications are on the horizon now. Bekah will be all right.

Hillvue.—In the presence of the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, also accompanied by Ex. Comp. Mackinnon and Ex. Comp. Middleton, of Bekah Chapter, we visited Hillvue Chapter at Hillcrest on January 6th and installed the officers for this year. This is a very progressive Chapter and is getting new members mostly every month, there being four applications on the evening which we were present. A regular supper was provided in the rooms adjoining the Chapter before the proceedings of the evening commenced, which was an extremely pleasant innovation so far as I could observe.

Shekinah Chapter, Lethbridge.—I was present at their Convocation immediately following the Convocation of Grand Chapter last year when I was installed as Grand Superintendent of District No. 5 by the Most Ex. the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, Norman Macleod. There was also a Chapter of Instruction for District No. 5 held in Shekinah Chapter Rooms on January 19th,

this year, when the Companions of Shekinah conferred the Holy Royal Arch on two candidates. All Chapters in the Jurisdiction of No. 5 were represented save one, and a very instructive lesson in degree work was given. This Chapter has splendid rooms and a great amount of work, and is absolutely up-to-date in everything.

A very fine supper was set out after the proceedings and several very good speeches were given; also some good singing. This reunion of Masons was, I think, of estimable value to Capitular Masonry in itself. The head of the table was decorated with Grand Master Kemmis and Past Grand Master Patterson, of symbolic Masons, and Grand First Principal Macleod and Past Grand First Principal Patterson, of R.A.M.; also Past Grand First Principal Downey, Grand Lecturer. The display of regalia was so pronounced that one speaker was prompted to remark that "with such a display at the top of the table such awe was inspired in a young member that he, when called upon to speak, was unable to do so."

Shekinah has had a very successful year and everything looks rosy ahead.

Assiniboia Chapter — This Chapter being a long way from home I was not able to pay a visit until their Convocation in January, this year, when I installed the officers for the year. Most Ex Past Grand First Principal Downey was also present upon this occasion; having come on from the Chapter of Instruction at Shenikah, which was held the previous evening. This Chapter is also very strong and is going ahead by leaps and bounds. I did not see any work put on in this Chapter but I did not have to as the reputation of being absolutely proficient in everything had reached me before going there. I found a splendid attendance and everything kept going fine. This Chapter cannot but progress.

You will find by this statement that I have made a short report of each Chapter and have not gone into statistics which are amply covered, so far as I can see, by the annual reports of the respective Chapters.

I have found my term of service very pleasant and also instructive. Capitular Masons do not go around enough to see what their neighboring Chapters are doing. It is, I can see and have found, the most instructive part of it.

Yours Fraternally,

J. ALLAN,

Grand Superintendent District No. 5

R. E. Comp. T. W. Bates, Grand Superintendent of No. 4 District, then submitted a supplementary report on the action of Crescent Chapter, No. 24, having accepted an application from Comp. J. W. Verge, a suspended member of Hillvue Chapter No. 15, this case having been mentioned in the address of the Grand Z.

On motion of M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, seconded by R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, it was

RESOLVED, That the reports of the Grand Superintendents be referred to the Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry, and that the supplementary report be referred to a Special Committee to be appointed by the Grand Z.

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Chapter	Number	Location	No. of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergent Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	No. Members last Return	No. of Affiliations	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	M.M.M. Degrees Conferred	M.E.M. Degrees Conferred	R.A. Degrees Conferred	Present Membership	No. of Members 12 mths. in Arrears	Liabilities	Assets Cash or Securities	Assets, Property, Regalia, Etc.	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance	Amount Granted to Benevolence	Prospects	No. of Lodges to Draw From	
*Assiniboia	3	Medicine Hat.	—	—	—	—	172	—	—	3	—	2	7	—	—	174	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	good	6
Shekinah	4	Lethbridge..	12	2	33	\$5 00	128	1	—	3	12	—	36	28	25	150	22	\$1,600 00	\$178.00	\$2,977 00	\$237 00	\$600.00	\$82 95	good	8	
Bekah.....	7	Macleod....	9	—	12	5 00	62	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	60	20	—	—	—	500 00	275 00	300 00	—	fair	1
Kether..	8	Puncher Creek.	11	1	11	5 00	38	—	—	—	—	1	2	2	2	38	16	—	238 00	500 00	227 50	300 00	—	good	2	
Hillvue. .	15	Hillcrest .	6	—	10	6 00	30	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	31	10	150 00	438.00	1,000 00	90 00	1,000 00	5 00	good	3	
Tau Cross	16	Clareholm. .	8	1	10	4.00	34	1	—	1	—	—	2	2	—	36	19	100 00	—	500 00	238 00	350 00	—	good	5	

*Complete Statement not Received.

Grand Scribe E's Report

Calgary, March 1st, 1921.

To the Most Excellent,

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta:

I herewith present the Report of the Grand Scribe E for the year ending 28th February, 1921.

The past year has been one of continued progress in both membership and finances; and although the increase in membership is not quite as large as in the previous year, yet it is perhaps more satisfactory, as many Companions who held dual membership have withdrawn from one Chapter because they held membership in another.

The annual fees for the year were fifty cents per capita.

The Proceedings for the last annual Convocation were printed and issued to those entitled to them.

Regalia for Superintendents of Districts No. 4 and No. 5 were purchased and delivered to those Officers.

Fifty volumes of the Proceedings of Convocations of this Grand Chapter from its institution and including last year, were bound, and copies sent to all Past Grand First Principals. The binding of these volumes cost \$2.50 each, and members of this Grand Body may secure copies at that price.

Past Grand First Principals' Jewels were secured for M.E. Comps. Robert Patterson and M. M. Downey and presented by the Grand Z.

By the payment of \$500.00 to Otuskwan Chapter No. 9, our Grand Chapter debt has been reduced to the sum of \$500.00. There seems to be no reason at present why the entire debt should not be paid during the current year.

One hundred and forty-seven Royal Arch Certificates have been issued and in this connection I would again call your attention to the violation of the rules (section 97 of the Constitution) by some of the Scribes E, who, instead of applying for Certificates within one month of a Companion's exaltation, leave this important duty until the annual returns are sent in. In this respect this year has been worse than others, as at the present time I have on my desk applications for over one hundred and sixty Certificates, and it is simply impossible to write them until after the business of this Grand Convocation has been attended to.

As instructed, I secured one hundred copies of the Work from the Grand Chapter of Canada.

One thousand copies of the Standard By-laws were printed.

The following is the statement of membership:

Number of Chapters	24
Number of members, 31st Dec., 1919.....	2,245
Additions	
Restorations	14
Admitted to 31st Dec., 1920	330
Affiliated to 31st Dec., 1920.....	26
	<u>370</u>
	2,615
Deductions	
Deaths to 31st December, 1920	16
Resignations to 31st December, 1920	50
Suspensions N.P.D. to 31st December, 1920.....	58
	<u>124</u>
Number on roll 31st December, 1920	2,491
Net increase for year	246

Financial Statement

ASSETS

Cash in Bank 28th February, 1921..	\$1,216.62
Accounts receivable from Chapters, ordinary ac....	281.30
Accounts receivable from Chapters, Benevolent fund	1,255.00
Regalia, Furniture, Books and Stock.....	1,348.40
	<u>\$4,101.32</u>

LIABILITIES

Loan from Otuskwan Chapter No. 9.....	\$ 500.00
Amount due Strathmore Chapter No. 21.....	10.00
Benevolent Fund	280.00
	<u>\$ 790.00</u>
Balance of Assets over Liabilities.....	\$3,311.32

AMOUNTS RECEIVED FROM CHAPTERS

Alberta Chapter, No. 1...	\$ 183 00
North Star Chapter, No. 2.....	190.75
Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3.....	116.60
Shekinah Chapter, No. 4.....	26.30
Golden West Chapter, No. 5.....	146.85
Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6.....	68.35
Bekah Chapter, No. 7	75 00
Kether Chapter, No. 8.....	29.35
Otuskwan Chapter No. 9	132.55
Bow Valley Chapter No. 10.....	70.85
Calgary Chapter, No 11	102.50

Keystone Chapter, No. 12.....	245.75
Capital City Chapter, No. 13.....	265.65
Vermilion Chapter, No. 14.....	1.50
Hillvue Chapter, No. 15.....	26.00
Tau Cross Chapter, No. 16.....	23.50
Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17.....	102.00
Norwood Chapter, No. 18.....	116.00
The Hiram Chapter, No. 19.....	136.55
Banff Chapter, No. 20.....	55.85
Strathmore Chapter, No. 21.....	127.00
Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 22..	96.10
Coronation Chapter, No. 23.....	60.00
Crescent Chapter, No. 24.....	169.25
	\$2,567.25
Rebate on Bonds.....	1.50
	\$2,568.75

AMOUNTS PAID TO GRAND TREASURER

1920—	
12th April.....	\$ 37.55
7th June.....	137.20
26th June.....	51.20
9th September.....	129.25
15th November.....	105.15
13th December.....	184.60
27th December.....	88.05
1921—	
4th February.....	1,303.55
12th February.....	201.45
16th February.....	327.75
28th February.....	3.00
	\$2,568.75

AMOUNTS DUE TO CHAPTERS

Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9 (note).....	\$ 500.00
Strathmore Chapter No. 21 (balance)	10.00
	\$ 510.00

AMOUNT DUE FROM CHAPTERS

Alberta Chapter, No. 1.....	\$ 13.40
North Star Chapter, No. 2.....	24.25
Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3.....	7.85
Shekinah Chapter, No. 4.....	178.50
Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6.....	1.50
Bekah Chapter, No. 7.....	.15
Kether Chapter, No. 8.....	15
Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9.....	4.50
Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10.....	1.50
Calgary Chapter, No. 11.....	2.00
Keystone Chapter, No. 12.....	2.75
Vermilion Chapter, No. 14.....	34.10
Tau Cross Chapter, No. 16.....	1.00
The Hiram Chapter, No. 19.....	8 10
Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 22.....	1.40
Coronation Chapter, No. 23.....	.15
	\$ 281.30

Benevolent Fund

AMOUNTS DUE FROM CHAPTERS

Alberta Chapter, No. 1.....	\$ 60.00
North Star Chapter, No. 2.....	130.00
Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3	35.00
Shekinah Chapter, No. 4.....	170.00
Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6.....	40.00
Kether Chapter, No. 8.....	10.00
Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9.....	75.00
Bow Valley Chapter No. 10.....	15.00
Calgary Chapter, No. 11.....	70.00
Capital City Chapter, No. 13.....	200.00
Vermilion Chapter, No. 14.....	20.00
Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17.....	100.00
Norwood Chapter, No. 18.....	85.00
Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 22.....	75.00
Coronation Chapter, No. 23.....	45.00
Crescent Chapter, No. 24.....	125.00
	\$1,255.00

AMOUNTS RECEIVED FROM CHAPTERS

Golden West Chapter, No. 5	\$ 50.00
Keystone Chapter, No. 12	110.00
Hillvue Chapter, No. 15	5.00
The Hiram Chapter, No. 19.....	40.00
Banff Chapter, No. 20.....	20.00
Strathmore Chapter, No. 21	55.00
	\$ 280.00
	\$1,535.00

INVENTORY OF STOCK, FURNITURE, ETC.

28th February, 1921

Office Furniture and Typewriter.....	\$ 260.00
Regalia.....	430.00
Envelopes, Letter-heads, etc.....	25.00
Certificates, Stone and Cuts.....	100.00
Blank Certificates.....	60.00
Blank Forms.....	60.00
Copies of Work.....	100.00
Books of Constitution.....	160.00
Books of By-laws.....	30.00
Books, Office and Blanks.....	100.00
Certificates, General.....	7.00
Office Supplies	10.00
Postage on hand.....	6.40
	\$1,348.40

A 10 per cent deduction has been made for depreciation on Furniture, Regalia, etc.

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

From	
Certificates and Registrations.....	\$ 852.85
Registration of Joinings.....	17.00
Annual Fees.....	1,085.90
Past Principals' Certificates.....	5.00
Life Members' Certificates.....	39.00
Dispensations.....	21.50
Sale of Chapter Books.....	43.35

Sale of Chapter Forms	7.40
Sale of Copies of Work	21.00
Sale of Bylaws.....	4.35
Sale of Constitutions.....	37.00
Charters	30.00
Chapters for Balance from 1919	108.55
Benevolent Fund	208.00
Miscellaneous items	15.85
	\$2,568.75
Amount in Bank 28th February, 1920.....	1,310.56
	\$3,879.31
Disbursements to 28th February, 1921.....	2,662.69
Amount in Bank 28th February, 1921.....	\$1,216.62

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS

To	
Postage	\$ 46.00
Furniture —Book Case	41.25
Office Supplies and Stationery.....	20.31
Flowers in Memoriam	40.50
Writing Charters and Life Certificates	42.00
Copies of Work and Cypher	123.50
Binding Proceedings	127.50
Printing 1920 Proceedings	262.99
General Printing	151.88
Grand Z's Expenses, 1919-1920	447.50
Grand Scribe E's Salary	420.00
Regalia and Jewels	331.20
Payment on Loan to Grand Chapter.....	500.00
Interest on Loan	60.00
Expenses 1920 Concoction	20.00
Wires, Phones and Express	11.76
Insurance and Bonds	11.30
Cuts for Proceedings	5.00
	\$2,662.69

DEATHS IN THIS JURISDICTION

Alberta, No. 1 ..	E. Nelson Brown, 15th February, 1920.
	F. L. Wellman, 20th February, 1920.
Assiniboia, No. 3. .	John H. Patterson, 24th April, 1920.
Shekinah, No. 4. . .	H. J. H. Skeith, 18th December, 1920.
Golden West, No. 5. .	Austin Francis, 9th November, 1920.
Mount Horeb, No. 6. .	Andrew R. Dickson, 11th July, 1920.
Bekah, No. 7.	Hugh Francis Baker, 22nd January, 1920.
Kether, No. 8.	George Whittaker, 8th November, 1920.
Norwood, No. 18. . . .	W. V. Kennedy, 29th December, 1920.
The Hiram, No. 19. . . .	W. H. Young, 23rd October, 1920.
Banff, No. 20	F. L. Wellman, 20th February, 1920.
Crescent, No. 24. . . .	George Sylvester, 18th March, 1920.
	Alfred Glover, 4th November, 1920.

WITHDRAWALS

Alberta, No. 1.....	John Duff, H. L. Robbins, H. C. Ritchie, H. E. Anderson, R. H. Brett, J. F. Grant, A. W. McLeay, Jesse Rockley, T. Duns- more, A. H. Stowell, F. E. Harris.
North Star, No. 2.....	J. M. Armstrong, T. D. Jones, E. A. Hughes.
Assiniboia, No. 3.....	H. W. Ireland, D. V. O. Morris, W. A. Begg.

Alberta, No. 1..... (J. H. Argue, U.M.C.), J. I. Brewster, S. Pen-
gally, D. S. Moffat, F. Looney, F. M. Gra-
ham, G. W. Darling.

Shekinah, No. 4..... J. H. Bell, O. J. Courtice, D. G. Hay, E. F.
McNeill, M. A. Morrow, E. Oxland, C. F.
Smith, E. B. Tabrum.

Golden West, No. 5... H. R. Kohler.

Otuskwam, No. 9..... W. T. Graham, A. T. Bestal, J. H. Dickenson.

Bow Valley, No. 10... W. E. Denley, S. R. Dawson, W. A. M. Hames,
E. R. Muckle, W. R. McKie, W. McCon-
nell, J. R. Worth, Thos. E. Wright, C. R.
McIntyre, D. C. Reeves, H. A. Ruppe,
W. P. Rawlings, Wm. Sibbick, E. H. Smith,
W. Service, H. Woods.

Calgary, No. 11..... W. G. Worcester, A. Nickols, J. H. Bennett,
E. L. Leng, W. J. Gamble, T. U. Thompson,
S. G. Hunt, T. Richardson, L. W. White,
C. D. Jenkyn.

Capital City, No. 13.. N. F. Clare, W. A. Donaldson, W. C. Whitely,
B. B. Jones.

Alberta, No. 1.....H. J. Humphries, H. J. Johnstone.
North Star, No. 2.....M. C. Watts, J. M. Armstrong, W. S. Graham,
 H. J. Crabbs.
Bow Valley, No. 10...Wm. A. Graham.
Capital City, No. 13...T. H. Johnson.
The Hiram, No. 19....Wm. Helem, A. W. Ewers.

R. Johnson
Grand Scribe

Report of Grand Treasurer

From 1st March, 1920, to 28th February, 1921

Mar. 1, 1920—Cash in Bank of Nova Scotia.....	\$1,310.56
April 12, 1920—Received from Grand Scribe E.....	37.55
June 7, 1920—“ “ “ “	137.20
June 26, 1920—“ “ “ “	51.20
Sept. 9, 1920—“ “ “ “	129.25
Nov. 15, 1920—“ “ “ “	105.15
Dec. 13, 1920—“ “ “ “	184.60
Dec. 27, 1920—“ “ “ “	88.05
Feb. 4, 1921—“ “ “ “	1,303.55
Feb. 12, 1921—“ “ “ “	201.45
Feb. 16, 1921—“ “ “ “	327.75
Feb. 28, 1921—“ “ “ “	3.00
\$3,879.31	

AMOUNTS PAID BY CHEQUE FROM MARCH 1st, 1920 TO FEBRUARY 28th, 1921

	Voucher No.	Amt
Mar. 30, 1920—Calgary Photo Eng. Co....	221	\$ 2.50
Mar. 30, 1920—F. W. Keyte, Gd. Tyler	222	10.00
Mar. 30, 1920—Perfection Lodge No. 9	223	10.00
Mar. 30, 1920—M. M. Downey, Expenses	224	247.50
Mar. 30, 1920—Office Specialty Co., Book Case	225	41.25
Mar. 30, 1920—J. E. Johnson, Wires, Duty, etc.	226	4.72
Mar. 30, 1920—H. H. Fletcher, War Tax	227	1.00
April 6, 1920—J. E. Johnson, Postage	228	25.00
April 6, 1920—W. A. Ackland, Premium on Bonds	229	3.00
April 6, 1920—Despatch Ptg. Co., Envelopes	230	3.00
May 17, 1920—J. D. McAra, Plain paper	231	3.00
May 17, 1920—J. H. Routledge, Engrossing Charter	232	33.00
June 1, 1920—Emery Floral Co.	233	15.00
June 15, 1920—J. E. Johnson, Salary	234	105.00
June 26, 1920—Grand Chapter of Canada, Work	235	115.25
June 26, 1920—Hamilton Stamp & Stencil Works	236	1.27
July 5, 1920—J. D. McAra, Proceedings	237	262.99
July 5, 1920—United Typewriter Co., Ribbon	238	1.00
July 5, 1920—W. A. Ackland, Premium	239	1.50
Aug. 13, 1920—D. R. Dingwall Ltd., Jewels	240	196.05
Aug. 13, 1920—F. E. Osborne, Supplies	241	11.45
Aug. 13, 1920—Albertan Job Press, Envelopes	242	9.25
Aug. 13, 1920—M. M. Downey, Supt's Regalia	243	135.15
Aug. 13, 1920—Calgary Photo Eng. Co., Cut	244	2.50
Aug. 13, 1920—Campbell Floral Co.	245	25.50
Aug. 13, 1920—The Albion Press, Forms	246	18.11
Sept. 15, 1920—J. D. McAra, Binding & Printing	247	145.35
Sept. 15, 1920—J. E. Johnson, Salary	248	105.00
Sept. 15, 1920—J. E. Johnson, Postage	249	20.00
Nov. 17, 1920—Albertan Job Press, By-laws	250	38.25
Nov. 17, 1920—F. E. Osborne, Supplies	251	5.30
Nov. 17, 1920—J. D. McAra, Manilla Sheets	252	1.29
Nov. 17, 1920—J. E. Johnson, Express & Wires	253	7.04
Dec. 15, 1920—J. E. Johnson, Salary	254	105.00
Dec. 15, 1920—H. T. Smith, Grand Chap. of Canada	255	8.25
Dec. 15, 1920—W. A. Ackland, Insurance	256	6.80

Dec. 15, 1920—J. H. Routledge, Writing Life Cert's	257	9.00
Dec. 15, 1920—Albertan Job Press, Christmas Cards	258	12.75
Feb. 1, 1921—J. D. McAra, Record Sheets	259	22.44
Feb. 1, 1921—N. T. Macleod, Expense Account	260	200.00
Feb. 1, 1921—Albertan Job Press, Receipt Forms	261	20.40
Feb. 15, 1921—Otuskwan Chap. No. 9, ac. Loan & Int.	262	560.00
Feb. 15, 1921—Albertan Job Press, Ptg. Notices	263	6.83
Feb. 24, 1921—J. E. Johnson, Salary	264	105.00
		\$2,662.69

Amount Received	\$3,879.31
Cheques Issued	2,662.69
Feb. 28, 1921, Cash in Bank	\$1,216.62

Fraternally submitted,

H. H. FLETCHER

Grand Treasurer.

We have audited the books and vouchers of the Grand Scribe E., and the Grand Treasurer, and find them to be kept in good order. We certify that the attached report of Receipts and Disbursements is in accordance with the vouchers and the books of the Grand Scribe E., and Grand Treasurer

D. H. BAREHAM

C. R. WENTZEL

1st March, 1921

Auditors.

On motion of R. E. Comp. A. Hayr, seconded by M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, it was

RESOLVED, That the reports of the Grand Scribe E, Grand Treasurer and Grand Auditors be referred to the Committee on Audit and Finance.

Report of Committee on Grand Z's Address

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Alberta:

The Committee, to whom was referred the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal's address, respectfully report as follows:

We must congratulate the Grand First Principal on the success of the Grand Chapter during his term of office. We believe that, in a great measure, this success is due to his untiring efforts in carrying on the duties of his office, and, despite his modest disclaimer, that the future alone can prove his efforts to have been for the benefit of the Royal Craft in this Jurisdiction. We believe those efforts will have a lasting influence for good.

We, as well as every other Companion in this Jurisdiction, join with him in his expression of regret over the loss this Grand Jurisdiction has sustained by death of P. Grand Z A. R. Dickson and join with him in his sympathetic remarks towards right Excellent Companion Darling, our Grand Principal II, in his severe illness, which has prevented his presence at this convocation of the Grand Chapter.

We commend his energy in visiting every Chapter in this Jurisdiction except one, viz., Vermilion, No. 14. In this case the train service prevented arrival in time to meet the Companions.

We join with the Most Excellent Grand Z in expressing our extreme pleasure at having a fraternal visit from Most Excellent Grand Z Ponton, of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and trust we may have similar pleasure in future years of welcoming his successors in office.

We heartily concur with the Grand Z, that greater length of time should elapse between advancement, receiving and exaltation of Candidates, but whether that should be one calendar month we are not prepared to say, but would insist that every candidate pass a satisfactory examination in preceding degree before being advanced.

We concur with the Grand Z in his ruling, that at least the M.M.M. degree must be conferred on a candidate in his own Jurisdiction before requesting that the remaining degrees be conferred on him by a Chapter in this Jurisdiction.

We also concur with him in his decision that a petition, after having been received by the Chapter and referred to the Committee on Character, cannot be withdrawn by the petitioner.

We further concur with him, that a full consideration of the question of a Benevolent Fund of this Grand Chapter be undertaken

at this session, particularly in view of the fact that the regulations now existing had, apparently, not been understood by private Chapters.

Fraternally submitted,

J. N. RANKIN.

S. Y. TAYLOR.

M. M. DOWNEY.

On motion of M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin, seconded by M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on the Grand Z's address be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AUDIT AND FINANCE

To M. Ex. Grand Z, Officers and Companions,
Grand Chapter, R.A.M., of Alberta:

M. Ex. Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on Audit and Finance beg leave to report as follows:

We have examined the reports of the Grand Scribe E and Grand Treasurer and approve of the same.

We recommend that the expenses of the Grand Z, amounting to \$333.75, and of the Grand Lecturer, amounting to \$28.30, be paid.

We recommend that the tender of "Albertan Job Press" be accepted for printing 600 copies of the annual proceedings.

We approve of Grand Scribe E's action in procuring Past Grand Zs' Jewels.

We recommend that the debt of the Grand Chapter to Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, be paid during the coming financial year.

We recommend that the Grand Scribe E's salary be raised to \$500.00—payable quarterly.

Ex. Comp Bareham, of Otuskwan, No. 9, and Ex. Comp. Wentzel, of Calgary, No. 11, were appointed Auditors for year 1920 and 1921 and have filed their report.

Fraternally submitted,

FREDERICK S. SELWOOD

D. M. McINTOSH.

J. N. RANKIN.

M. B. PEACOCK.

On motion of R. E. Comp. A. Hayr, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. T. Coote, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z, Officers and Companions,
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta:

Your Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry have carefully read the reports of the Grand Superintendents, Scribe E and Treasurer and have noted, with pleasure, the thorough manner in which all have performed the duties of their respective offices. There is, we are pleased to note, a substantial gain in membership, and that the financial condition of, not only the Grand Chapter, but the Chapters generally, are in a satisfactory state. All the Chapters, with one exception, have their regalia, etc., covered by insurance against loss by fire.

The Superintendents have visited each chapter and manifested keen interest in their duties. They report Masonic harmony throughout the Jurisdiction, with the Chapters well officered and the work well done. From their reports it appears that the various Books of Marks and the Historical Registers are not in general use, also, that provisions has not been made for the Benevolent Fund. We consider the recommendations made by the Superintendents as worthy of Grand Chapter's consideration.

We, therefore, have recommended that the incoming Grand Z appoint a Special Committee to bring in reports on the following:

1. Book of Marks and Historical Register.
2. On recommendation of Superintendent of 4th District "That large classes should not be put through the degrees at one session."
3. As to Fees for Initiation being increased.

Fraternally submitted,

J. A. R. POWELL.

F. S. WATSON.

On motion of R. E. Comp. E. C. Dunlop, seconded by Ex. Comp. W. J. Haynes, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

To the Most Excellent Grand Z, Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta:

We, your Committee, are pleased to report that good feeling and harmony have prevailed among the Companions of the different

Chapters in the Province, and that we have nothing further to report under this head.

Fraternally submitted,

W. T. COOTE.

J. ALLAN.

On motion of R. E. Comp. W. T. Coote, seconded by R. E. Comp. J. Allan, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z, Officers and Members
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta:

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence begs to report as follows:

The matter of suspension in Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3, of a Companion who was suspended in Calgary Chapter, No. 11, for N.P.D. There is no question in the minds of the members of your committee that the said Companion should be declared suspended in Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3. We would suggest that the money paid by this Companion to Assiniboia Chapter after his suspension should be returned to him.

Fraternally submitted,

M. M. DOWNEY.

R. C. MACDONALD.

GEO. B. McLEOD.

On motion of M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey, seconded by R. E. Comp. Geo. B. McLeod, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z, Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta:

Your Committee on Benevolence are pleased to report that the following amounts have been expended by the various Chapters in this Jurisdiction for Benevolence during the past year:

No.	Chapter	Amount
1—	Alberta	\$116 50
4—	Shekinah	82.95
9—	Otuskwan	17.50
11—	Calgary	25.00
12—	Keystone	101.00
13—	Capital City	100.00
15—	Hillvue	5.00
19—	The Hiram	40.00
20—	Banff	20.00
21—	Strathmore	80.00
24—	Crescent	75.00
		\$622 95

We commend our Companions for the zeal displayed in this most worthy cause and trust this Grand Chapter will take steps to increase the Grand Chapter Benevolent Fund, so that every Companion and his dependants in this Jurisdiction will receive immediate assistance in accordance with the necessities of their case.

Fraternally submitted,

S. Y. TAYLOR.

W. T. COOTE.

T. W. BATES.

On motion of M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. T. Coote, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

To the Most Excellent Grand Z, Officers and Companions:

Each year as we gather in Grand Convocation, and joy in the meeting again of those Companions with whom we labor, our joy is tempered in noting the absence of those well loved Companions who have heard the call "Come up higher", and have departed to continue their service on the Higher Plane of Life.

This year is no exception, and since our last meeting twenty-three Companions of Sister Jurisdictions and thirteen Companions of our own Jurisdiction have passed beyond the veil. Of other Jurisdictions nearly all were of the rank of P.G.H.P., and of our own Jurisdiction Most Ex. Comp. Andrew R. Dickson, who was Grand Z of this Grand

Chapter in 1918, passed to his reward on the 11th day of July, 1920. In the death of this Most Excellent Companion the Grand Chapter has suffered a great loss and we will greatly miss his wise counsel and co-operation.

We also mourn the loss of one of the oldest Royal Arch Masons of this Jurisdiction in the person of the Right Excellent Companion E. Nelson Brown. This Companion was the first Third Principal and a Charter Member of Alberta Chapter, No. 106, G.R.C. (now Alberta Chapter, No. 1, of this Jurisdiction) and died at Dunham, Quebec, on the 15th day of February, 1920.

It is impossible for us to express with any fulness our sense of loss for those who have gone, but loss to us it is. But that sorrow is turned again to gladness, in the knowledge that these dear Companions have consummated a great victory. They have passed to a fuller life.

"From joy are born all creatures, by joy they are sustained, toward joy they progress, and into joy they enter."

"No man liveth unto himself."

The lives of our departed Companions have been well lived; their sorrows and disappointments have brought from our hearts the spirit of sympathy; their successes have inspired us with the joy of their achievements; our intercourse with them has made us better men. We bid them farewell for a time, knowing that we shall see them again.

"From unreality lead me to the real, from darkness to light, from death to Immortality."

In like manner may our lives abound in good works, may we not doubt, nor fear, but trust.

"I see not a step before me as I tread the paths of the year;
But the past is all in God's keeping, the future His mercy shall clear,
And that which seems dark in the distance, may brighten as I
draw near."

We may with confidence commit our dear Companions to His keeping, and fix our own faith in that Glorious Immortality.

"For the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal."

Your Committee begs to recommend that Memorial pages be placed in our Proceedings in memory of our departed Companions, and that a separate memorial page be placed in memory of Most Ex Comp. A. R. Dickson.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE B. McLEOD.

W. J. STEPHENSON.

On motion of R. E. Comp. Geo. B. McLeod, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. J. Stephenson, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead, be received and adopted

DEATHS IN THIS JURISDICTION

Alberta, No. 1	E. Nelson Brown (Que.)	15th February, 1920
	F. L. Wellman	20th February, 1920
Assiniboia, No. 3	John H. Patterson	24th April, 1920
Shekinah, No. 4	H. J. H. Skeith	18th December, 1920
Golden West, No. 5	Austin Francis	9th November, 1920
Mount Horeb, No. 6	Andrew R. Dickson	P.G.Z. 11th July, 1920
Bekah, No. 7	Hugh Francis Baker	22nd January, 1920
Kether, No. 8	George Whittaker	8th November, 1920
Norwood, No. 18	W. V. Kennedy	29th December, 1920
The Hiram, No. 19	W. H. Young	23rd October, 1920
Banff, No. 20	F. L. Wellman	20th February, 1920
Crescent, No. 24	George Sylvester	18th March, 1920
	Alfred Glover	4th November, 1920

FRATERNAL DEAD OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Alabama	Basil M. Hill, P.G.H.P.	May 16, 1920
California	William Munroe Petrie, P.G.H.P.	May 10, 1919
Connecticut	I. Newton Phelps, Gd. Chaplain	Jan. 31, 1920
	Gilbert Lamb Hewitt, P.G.H.P.	Jan. 11, 1921
Florida	William Clarence Andress, P.G.H.P.	Sept. 1, 1920
Georgia	Henry Banks, P.G.H.P.	June 3, 1920
	Joseph C. Greenfield, G.H.P.	Dec. 20, 1920
Illinois	Joseph Edward Dyas, P.G.H.P.	Sept. 2, 1920
Indiana	Calvin Wesley Prather, P.G.H.P. and Secretary	Aug. 1, 1920
Iowa	Francis Hanmer Loring, P.G.H.P.	May 6, 1920
Michigan	Frank H. Williams, Dep. G.H.P.	April 27, 1920
Minnesota	George W. Cooley, P. Dep. G.H.P.	Sept. 25, 1920
Missouri	Martin Toner Balsley, P.F.H.P.	Mar. 9, 1920
	Arthur Middleton Hough, P.G.H.P.	July 3, 1920
	Xenophon Ryland, P.G.H.P.	Oct. 1, 1920
Nebraska	James R. Cain, Sr., Grand Scribe	Nov. 29, 1920
New York	Marshall F. Hemingway, Gd. Lecturer	May 3, 1920
	Seymour H. Stone, P.G.H.P.	Jan. 1, 1920
Nova Scotia	Joseph Robert Bennett, P.G.H.P.	June 8, 1920
Ohio	William A. Reiter, P.G.H.P.	Oct. 5, 1920
	Schuyler B. Tuthill, Dep. G.H.P.	Oct. 7, 1920
	Lewis Phillip Schaus, P.G.H.P.	Dec. 4, 1920
Oklahoma	Isham Hamilton Goss Hulme, P.G.H.P.	Aug. 7, 1920
Virginia	Frederick Greenwood, P.G.H.P.	Jan. 23, 1920

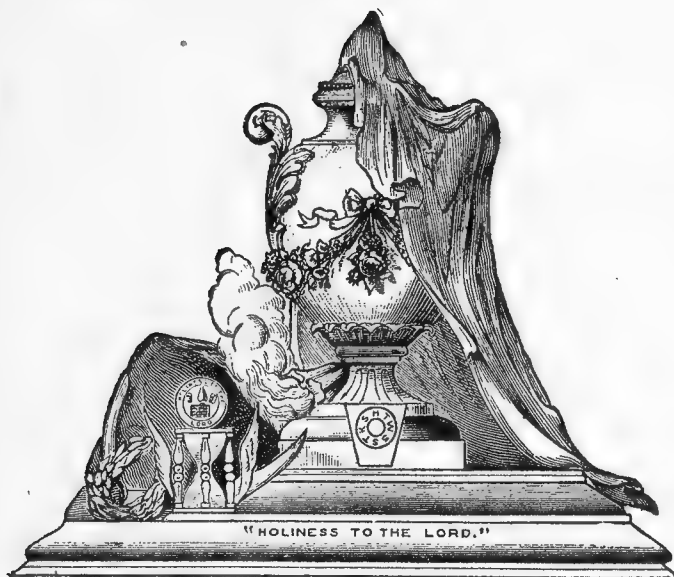
In Memoriam

***Andrew Roger
Dickson***

GRAND Z, 1918

Died July 11th, 1920

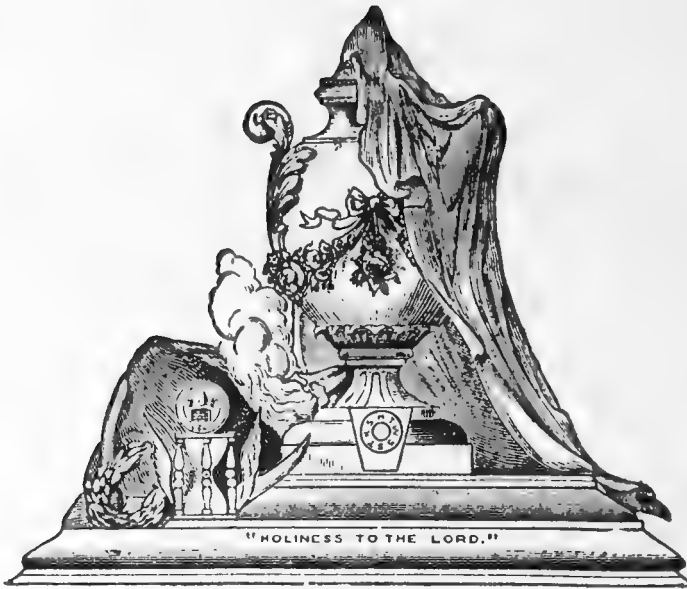
"Life's labor done,
Serenely to his final rest he passed;
While the soft memories of his virtues yet
linger, like sunlight hues when
That bright orb is set."



In Memory
of the
Companions of Our Own
Jurisdiction
for the Year 1920

"Farewell Companions! None can fill thy seat
Within the sacred circle of our love;—
And so we'll count thee present when we meet,
And greet thee once again in Courts above."

—Bush.



In Memory
of the
Deceased Companions of Sister
Jurisdictions
for the Year 1920

"The earth is poorer since they took their flight,
But heaven is richer now that they are there;
And on their brows gleam with transcendent light
Such crowns as honest upright men shall wear.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z, Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta:

Your Committee on Fraternal Relations and Correspondence are pleased to be able to report that Fraternal relations and an interchange of Representatives have been established and arranged between this Grand Chapter and all other Grand Chapters, with the exception of the Grand Chapter of Queensland. The matter of the recognition of this Grand Chapter was deferred from last year, for want of complete information with regard to its formation. As no further communications have been received by this Grand Chapter during the past year, we recommend that final action be again deferred until such information comes to hand.

We submit herewith a review of the proceedings of our Sister Jurisdictions, and request that the same be printed in our Annual Proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,

S. Y. TAYLOR.

M. M. DOWNEY.

F. S. SELWOOD.

PROCEEDINGS RECEIVED AND REVIEWED

Arizona	1920	New York	1920
British Columbia	1920	New Jersey	1920
Canada	1920	New Zealand	1920
California	1920	New Mexico	1920
Colorado	1920	Nevada	1919-1920
Connecticut	1920	North Carolina	1920
District of Columbia	1920	North Dakota	1920
England Mark Lodge Quar- terly. March 1920 - June, 1920		Nova Scotia	1920
Florida	1920	Oklahoma	1920
Georgia	1920	Oregon	1920
Idaho	1920	Pennsylvania	1920
Illinois	1920	Quebec	1920
Indiana	1920	South Carolina	1920
Kansas	1920	Texas	1919
Louisiana	1920	Vermont	1920
Maine	1920	Victoria July, 1919 to April 1920	
Maryland	1920	Virginia	1919
Michigan	1920	Washington	1920
Missouri	1920	West Virginia	1919
New Brunswick	1919	Wisconsin	1920
New Hampshire	1920	Wyoming	1920

On motion of M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, seconded by R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, it was

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations and Correspondence be received and adopted.

The Grand Chapter was then called from Labor.

At 10 o'clock on Thursday morning, March 10th, Grand Chapter resumed Labor.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z, Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta:

Your Committee on Benevolence, on making their last report at the last Convocation, did so in the form of recommendation to Grand Chapter, expecting that there would be a full and free discussion, and that after the members had deliberated, action would be governed thereby. This discussion did not, evidently, take place but the recommendations were adopted without due consideration.

We now recommend that no further action be taken, except the collection of the amounts as given in the Grand Scribe E's report, until this matter has been fully discussed in Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

F. S. WATSON.

D. McINTOSH.

J. N. RANKIN.

On motion of R. E. Comp. David McIntosh, seconded by M. E. Comp. F. S. Watson, it was

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Special Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CRESCENT CHAPTER

—Verge Case.

To the M. E. Grand Z, Officers and Members
of Grand Chapter:

We, your Special Committee, appointed to investigate the Verge question, beg to report that, after going thoroughly into the matter, we believe that the case has been fully dealt with in the Grand Z's report and that nothing further need be done in the matter.

Fraternally submitted,

W. T. COOTE.

ATHUR HAYR.

R. C. MACDONALD.

On motion of R. E. Comp. W. T. Coote, seconded by R. E. Comp. R. C. Macdonald, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Special Committee on the Verge Case be received and adopted.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

The time for the Election of Officers of Grand Chapter having arrived, the Most Excellent Grand Z appointed M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin, M. E. Comp. F. S. Watson and R. E. Comp. David McIntosh as Scrutineers of the ballot and the following Companions were declared elected:

M. Ex. Comp. Hiram Darling	Grand Z.
R. Ex. Comp. George B. McLeod	Grand H.
R. Ex. Comp. Wm. T. Coote	Grand J.
R. Ex. Comp. John E. Johnson	Grand Scribe E.
R. Ex. Comp. James R. Flan	Grand Scribe N.
R. Ex. Comp. Howard H. Fletcher	Grand Treasurer.
R. Ex. Comp. James A. McGhee	Grand Prin. Sojourner.
R. Ex. Comp. G. Frank Butler	Grand Registrar.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF DISTRICTS

Grand Chapter was then called off to enable the Districts to select their Grand Superintendents for the ensuing year.

On Grand Chapter resuming labor, the following nominations for District Superintendents were submitted to the M. E. Grand Z, who was pleased to approve in each case, and the selections were confirmed:

R. Ex. Comp. Geo. S. Armstrong, 10050 117th St.	Edmonton District No. 1
R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Haynes, Secgewick, Alta.	District No. 2
R. Ex. Comp. R. L. McIlveen, Lake Louise, Alta.	District No. 3
R. Ex. Comp. Oliver J. Cowin, Youngstown, Alta.	District No. 4
R. Ex. Comp. John Dan McDonald, Bellevue, Alta.	District No. 5

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

R. E. Comp. W. J. Stevenson	Red Deer.
R. E. Comp. Fred S. Selwood	Calgary.
R. E. Comp. David McIntosh	Edmonton.
R. E. Comp. G. E. Cruickshank	Hillcrest Mines

Nominations having been received to have Lethbridge, Calgary, Olds, Banff, Red Deer and Leduc the next place of meeting for the Convocation of 1922 and the ballot having been passed, it was declared that, having received the majority of votes, the City of Calgary was the choice of Grand Chapter.

ACTION TAKEN BY GRAND CHAPTER ON NOTICES OF MOTION PREVIOUSLY GIVEN

On motion of R. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, seconded by Ex. Comp. A. G. Finch, it was

RESOLVED, That the Constitution be amended by adding the following clause to be known as No. 107a:

"Notice of such suspension shall be given to the Grand Scribe E., to other Chapters having concurrent jurisdiction, and to all Chapters in the District in which the Chapter is situated."

On motion of R. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, seconded by M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey, it was

RESOLVED, That the Constitution be amended by adding the following clause to be known as No. 59a:

"A fine of Five Dollars per month for each month's delay shall be imposed upon every Chapter, the returns of which shall not have been mailed to the Grand Scribe E.'s office on or before January 15th in each year."

On motion of R. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. T. Coote, it was

RESOLVED, That the Constitution be amended by adding the following clause to be known as No. 100a:

"No Companion shall be a member of more than one Chapter in this Jurisdiction at the same time (except as an honorary or life member). This rule shall not apply to members of a Chapter under dispensation, but when a Charter is granted, the Companion must at once apply for a demit from the Chapter of which he was previously a member."

In the absence of R. E. Comp. Hiram Darling, M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey, seconded by R. E. Comp. E. C. Dunlop, moved that "Good standing in Chapter membership be dependent on good standing in Craft Masonry."

It was moved in amendment by M. E. Comp. F. S. Watson, seconded by M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin, that

"The Notice of Motion given by R. E. Comp. H. Darling 'that good standing in Chapter membership be dependent on good standing in Craft Masonry' be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence for report at the next Annual Convocation."

A vote having been taken the amendment was declared "carried" and the motion "lost".

On motion of R. E. Comp. J. R. Flan, seconded by R. E. Comp. E. C. Dunlop, it was

RESOLVED, That the Grand Scribe E. be authorized to secure prices from the different firms and carry a stock of Regalia, to be disposed of to the Chapters at actual cost plus the cost of shipping, etc.

On motion of M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin, seconded by R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, it was

RESOLVED, That the Grand Scribe E. be authorized to procure a Past Grand Z.'s Jewel for M. E. Comp. Norman T. Macleod.

On motion of M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin, seconded by M. E. Comp. F. S. Watson, it was

RESOLVED, That the Grand Scribe E. be authorized to procure suitable regalia for the Grand Scribes E. and N. and for the Grand Principal Sojourner.

On motion of R. E. Comp. Arthur Hayr, seconded by M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, it was

RESOLVED, That a hearty vote of thanks be tendered to the Edmonton Chapters and Companions for the hearty welcome given, and the splendid arrangements made for the entertainment of Grand Chapter.

On motion of R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, seconded by R. E. Comp. T. W. Bates, it was

RESOLVED, That a grant of Ten Dollars be made to the Edmonton Chapters for expenses in connection with the lighting and cleaning of the Chapter Room in which this Convocation has been held, and that the thanks of Grand Chapter be extended to the Edmonton Chapters for their courtesy in giving Grand Chapter the use of this Chapter Room.

On motion of R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, seconded by R. E. Comp. G. F. Butler, it was

RESOLVED, That a grant of Ten Dollars be made to the Grand Janitor, V. E. Comp. J. J. Green.

On motion of R. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, seconded by Ex. Comp. A. G. Finch, it was

RESOLVED, That a grant of Ten Dollars be made to Comp. Newbigging, for his services as typist and assistant Secretary.

NOTICE OF MOTION by M. E. Comp. F. S. Watson

That in clause No. 58, of the Constitution, the words "shall be not less than thirty-five dollars" be changed to read "shall be not less than fifty dollars."

OFFICERS INSTALLED

M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, assisted by M. E. Comps. J. N. Rankin and N. T. Macleod then proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly elected officers who were proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom.

On motion of R. E. Comp. T. W. Bates, seconded by R. E. Comp. J. R. Flan, it was

RESOLVED, That a hearty vote of thanks be tendered to the Installing Officers for their kind services.

APPOINTMENTS TO OFFICE

The following Companions were appointed to office:

V. Ex. R. G. Thomson, Edmonton	Grand Senior Sojourner
V. Ex. Comp. Alex McKee, Sedgwick	Grand Junior Sojourner
R. Ex. Comp. Sam'l F. Patterson, Edmonton.	Grand Lecturer
V. Ex. Comp. J. W. G. Morrison, Vermilion . .	Grand Sword Bearer
V. Ex. Comp. W. E. M. Holmes, High River . .	Grand Master, 1st Veil
V. Ex. Comp. A. C. Sloane, Edmonton	Grand Master, 2nd Veil
V. Ex. Comp. D. C. McDougall, Pincher Creek.	Grand Master, 3rd Veil
V. Ex. Comp. E. C. Locke, Coronation	Grand Master, 4th Veil
V. Ex. Comp. E. M. Cawker, Medicine Hat . . .	Grand D. of C.
V. Ex. Comp. W. A. Ackland, Calgary	Grand Organist
V. Ex. Comp. E. G. Lamb, Youngstown	Grand Pursuivant
V. Ex. Comp. Alex H. Duff, Calgary	Grand Steward.
V. Ex. Comp. R. P. Umbrite, Gleichen	Grand Steward
V. Ex. Comp. C. W. McKinnon, Macleod	Grand Steward
V. Ex. Comp. R. C. Rankin, Calgary	Grand Steward.
Comp. S. H. Davies, Calgary	Grand Janitor

SPECIAL COMMITTEES APPOINTED

The following Companions were appointed on Special Committees to report at the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter:

Committee on Book of Marks and Historical Register:

R. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson.....	Calgary
R. E. Comp. David McIntosh.....	Edmonton
R. E. Comp. M. B. Peacock.....	Calgary

Committee on the recommendation of the Superintendent of No. 4 District that "large classes should not be put through, etc.":

R. E. Comp. W. J. Stephenson.....	Red Deer
R. E. Comp. E. C. Dunlop.....	Edmonton
R. E. Comp. J. H. W. S. Kemmis.....	Cowley

Committee as to fees being increased:

R. E. Comp. T. W. Bates.....	Gleichen
R. E. Comp. Arthur Hayr.....	Lethbridge
R. E. Comp. W. J. Haynes.....	Sedgewick

Committee on Benevolent Fund of Grand Chapter:

R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood.....	Calgary
R. E. Comp. Jesse Elliott.....	Medicine Hat
R. E. Comp. Jos. G. Morris.....	Edmonton

A telegram having been sent to the Grand Z elect, advising him of his election, the following reply thereto was read by the Grand Scribe E.:

"Rochester, Pennsylvania, March 10th.

"Will accept decision of Grand Chapter. Deeply grateful to Companion Macleod.

(Signed) · HIRAM DARLING."

GRAND CONVOCATION CLOSED

The labors of the Convocation being ended, Grand Chapter was closed in AMPLE FORM at 5.25 o'clock p.m.



Grand Scribe E.

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS SINCE ORGANIZATION, 29th MAY, 1914

Grand Officers	1914	1915	1916	1917
Grand Z.....	S. Y. Taylor	J. N. Rankin	F. S. Watson	Robert Patterson
Grand H.....	F. S. Watson	F. S. Watson	R. Patterson	A. R. Dickson
Grand J.....	T. C. Bruce	T. C. Bruce	A. R. Dickson	M. M. Downey
Grand Scribe E.....	M. M. Downey	M. M. Downey	M. M. Downey	J. E. Johnson
Grand Scribe N.....	A. R. Yates	A. R. Dickson	E. D. H. Wilkins	Geo. D. Stanley
Grand Prin. Sojourner.....	E. D. H. Wilkins	E. D. H. Wilkins	A. R. Yates	N. T. Macleod
Grand Treasurer.....	A. W. R. Markley	A. W. R. Markley	A. W. R. Markley	A. W. R. Markley
Grand Registrar.....	A. West	A. West	V. A. Bowes	E. D. H. Wilkins
Grand Senior Sojourner.....	T. Rankine	D. W. McMillan	W. A. Mahaffy	Geo. W. Elliott
Grand Junior Sojourner.....	A. H. Spurr	W. A. Mahaffy	D. L. Murison	David McIntosh
Grand Lecturer.....	J. H. Argue	J. H. Argue	J. H. Argue	J. H. Argue
Grand Sword Bearer.....	G. B. McLeod	G. B. McLeod	G. D. Wallace	W. F. W. Lent
Grand M. 1st Veil.....	H. I. Miller	H. G. Hoare	A. N. Lindsay	William H. Coote
Grand M. 2nd Veil.....	G. T. Bragg	T. H. Irvine	D. McKenzie	R. Powell
Grand M. 3rd Veil.....	C. E. Macdonald	D. G. Campbell	R. C. Macdonald	Thos. Burnett
Grand M. 4th Veil.....	W. E. Lord	James Walker	E. E. Farley	J. A. MacDonald
Grand D. of C.....	J. M. Empey	A. R. Yates	James Walker	F. S. Selwood
Grand Organist.....	G. J. Davis	F. B. Cooper	Peter Walker	J. E. Hodgson
Grand Pursuivant.....	E. E. Farley	E. E. Farley	H. H. Fletcher	Joseph Longdon
Grand Steward.....	Geo. McManus	F. R. Jelfs	W. E. Mercer	S. M. Fraser
Grand Steward.....	W. A. Mahaffy	Gaius Allen	D. W. McMillan	G. E. Hayward
Grand Steward.....	G. L. Chesney	D. L. Murison	Gaius Allen	J. A. Neff
Grand Steward.....	J. S. Lambert	G. J. Davis	G. J. Davis	William Thompson
Grand Janitor.....	Harvey Brock	R. C. Bruce	J. L. Johnson	Thos. Baird

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS SINCE ORGANIZATION, 29th MAY, 1914 (Continued)

Grand Officers	1918	1919	1920	1921
Grand Z.	A. R. Dickson	M. M. Downey	N. T. Macleod	H. Darling
Grand H	M. M. Downey	N. T. Macleod	H. Darling	G. B. McLeod
Grand J	N. T. Macleod	H. Darling	W. T. Coote	W. T. Coote
Grand Scribe E	J. E. Johnson	J. E. Johnson	J. E. Johnson	J. E. Johnson
Grand Scribe N	P. J. Dewie	E. C. Dunlop	D. McIntosh	Jas. R. Flan
Grand Prin. Sojourner	W. T. Coote	W. A. Mahaffy	Geo. B. MacLeod	Jas. A. McGhee
Grand Treasurer	A. W. R. Markley	A. W. R. Markley	H. H. Fletcher	H. H. Fletcher
Grand Registrar	D. W. McMillan	Jesse Elliott	Jos. G. Morris	G. F. Butler
Grand Senior Sojourner	Jesse Elliott	W. J. Stephenson	W. C. Black	R. G. Thomson
Grand Junior Sojourner	J. A. R. Powell	J. J. Green	J. E. Rannard	Alex. McKee
Grand Lecturer	J. H. Argue	J. H. Argue	M. M. Downey	S. F. Patterson
Grand Sword Bearer	R. D. Robertson	R. H. Struthers	W. D. Graham	J. W. G. Morrison
Grand M. 1st Veil	J. Dan McDonald	G. E. Cruickshank	R. W. Manley	W. E. M. Holmes
Grand M. 2nd Veil	D. Thompson	Harvey Brock	D. C. McKenzie	A. C. Sloane
Grand M. 3rd Veil	H. B. Jamieson	S. T. Fawcett	R. L. McIlveen	D. C. McDougall
Grand M. 4th Veil	A. W. Rosborough	D. McLean	J. B. Sutherland	E. C. Locke
Grand D. of C.	Geo. Simpson	M. B. Peacock	J. H. Green	E. M. Cawker
Grand Organist	F. B. Cooper	W. A. Ackland	W. A. Ackland	W. A. Ackland
Grand Pursuivant	Geo. Campbell	D. A. Taylor	J. R. Flan	E. G. Lamb
Grand Steward	F. S. Macpherson	A. N. Saddington	G. F. Butler	Alex. H. Duff
Grand Steward	A. Hayr	H. Macpherson	M. M. Steele	R. P. Umbrite
Grand Steward	R. C. MacDonald	W. J. Haynes	H. O. Haslam	C. W. McKinnon
Grand Steward	S. M. Fraser	H. D. McMillan	Oliver Cowin	R. C. Rankin
Grand Janitor	Wm. Burns	S. H. Davies	J. J. Green	S. H. Davies

CHAPTER RETURNS TO DECEMBER 31st, 1920

No	Name of Chapter	Where Held	Regular Convocation	First Principal Z	Scribe E	Members Dec, 1919	Admissions	Joinings	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	Members Dec, 1920	Increase	Decrease	Net Increase
1	Alberta.....	Calgary.....	1st Wednesday	A. W. Strathern.....	J. N. Rankin.....	265	15	4	4	2	11	9	2	264	1	1
2	North Star.....	Edmonton.....	2nd Tuesday	P. R. Campbell.....	W. F. H. Brown.....	239	27	2	4	3	3	2	269	30		
3	Asinibola.....	Medicine Hat.....	3rd Thursday	A. C. Finch.....	R. M. Napier.....	172	7						2	174	2	
4	Shekinah.....	Lethbridge.....	2nd Wednesday	T. C. Ridpath.....	Arthur Hayr.....	128	34	1		3	9	1	150	22		
5	Golden West.....	High River.....	Mon. on or b. full moon.	W. E. M. Holmes.....	P. G. Thomas.....	115	10			2	1	1	121	6		
6	Mount Horeb.....	Wetaskwin.....	1st Thursday	H. E. Todd.....	R. W. Manley.....	80	8	1		1	1	1	87	7		
7	Bekah.....	Macleod.....	1st Tuesday	F. N. Morris.....	Jno. Allan.....	62						1	1	60	2	
8	Kether.....	Pincher Creek.....	1st Thurs. after new moon.	O. C. McDougall.....	T. J. Cumberland.....	38	2					1	1	39	1	
9	Otuskwaw.....	Calgary.....	3rd Wednesday	D. Bareham.....	J. J. Webster.....	131	19	1		6	3	3	142	11		
10	Bow Valley.....	Gleichen.....	2nd Wed. after full moon	P. MacLean.....	W. J. McMullen.....	84	9	1	2	1	3	16	75	9		
11	Calgary.....	Calgary.....	2nd Wednesday	E. G. Ironside.....	A. Davison.....	108	14	1	2	11	16	2	98	10		
12	Keystone.....	Red Deer.....	3rd Friday	F. A. McEwan.....	A. G. Ayres.....	114	22	2	1				137	23		
13	Capital City.....	Edmonton.....	2nd Friday	Alex D. Campbell.....	D. McIntosh.....	225	38	1		1	4		259	34		
14	Vermilion.....	Vermilion.....	2nd Tuesday	F. Brissett.....	J. W. G. Morrison.....	64	3	1					68	4		
15	Hillvue.....	Hillcrest.....	Wed. on or b. full moon.	Robt Evans.....	R. E. Donkin.....	30	1						31	1		
16	Tau Cross.....	Clareholm.....	2nd Tuesday	J. T. D. Kingsley.....	E. T. Gray.....	34	2	1		1			36	2		
17	Mt. Olivet.....	Killam.....	Wed. after full moon.	F. W. Tye.....	J. S. McDonald.....	50	20						70	20		
18	Norwood.....	Edmonton.....	1st Wednesday	A. G. Aldridge.....	Geo. W. Potter.....	60	18	4	1	2		1	80	20		
19	The Hram.....	Youngstown.....	1st Thursday	E. G. Lamb.....	O. H. Price.....	47	8		2				56	9		
20	Banff.....	Banff.....	1st Thurs. after full moon.	John Watters.....	A. N. Saddington.....	33	3			1		1	34	1		
21	Strathmore.....	Strathmore.....	2nd Thursday	H. Nicholson.....	L. B. O. Loddrell.....	41	11	2					54	13		
22	Jos. Stauffer.....	Didsbury.....	1st Wed. after full moon	John Duff.....	W. G. Evans.....	45	17	1					63	18		
23	Coronation.....	Coronation.....	2nd Thurs. after full moon.	Wm. J. McNeil.....	Frank M. Dillon.....	55	9	1					35	10		
24	Crescent.....	Calgary.....	2nd Monday	H. C. Ritchie.....	M. M. Downey.....	25	3	4		1		2	89	34		
				Totals		2245	330	26	14	50	58	16	2491	268		2246

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS

<i>Grand Chapters</i>	<i>Grand Secretaries</i>	<i>Address</i>
Alabama.....	Geo. A. Beauchamp.....	Montgomery
Arizona.....	Geo. J. Roskruege.....	Tucson
Arkansas.....	John C. Bone.....	Batesville
British Columbia.....	J. W. Prescott, G.S.E.....	Vancouver
California.....	Thos. A. Davies, Mas. Temple.....	San Francisco
Canada.....	Henry T. Smith, G.S.E.....	Toronto
Colorado.....	W. W. Cooper, Mas. Temple.....	Denver
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COMMITTEE

ON

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand Chapter
of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta:

We submit herewith our seventh annual review in topical form, of the Proceedings of Sister Grand Jurisdictions. The work has been an exceedingly pleasant one. Harmony and good fellowship prevail throughout the Royal Craft. There has been a phenomenal increase in membership during the past year, and everywhere there seems to be an increasing effort put forth to confer the degrees as impressively as possible, and to instruct the newly-advanced in the teachings of the various degrees of Capitular Masonry. Chapters of Instruction have been held in many Jurisdictions, and uniformity and accuracy of work has been the result.

Benevolence has been given a more prominent place than heretofore, and many Jurisdictions have concluded that they should take some definite part in assisting the needy Companions and their dependents, and that in order to prevent overlapping, the funds should be distributed by the Benevolence Committee of Grand Lodge.

Effort is being made to require every candidate to register his mark immediately after receiving his M.M. degree, and to pass a satisfactory examination before being advanced to a higher degree. Action is being taken in many quarters to prevent Capitular Masonry being made merely a stepping stone to the so-called higher degrees, and regulations enacted making it impossible for a Companion to remain in good standing, unless he is such in a Craft Lodge.

There is much cause for gratification on the success achieved in this important branch of Masonry during the past year.

We trust that this brief fragmentary report will indicate the present status of Capitular Masonry generally, and that our readers will profit by a study of the same.

Fraternally submitted,

S. Y. TAYLOR, Chairman.

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DECISIONS

In response to a letter from the High Priest of Hollywood Chapter in re holding a meeting in a quarry near the City of Los Angeles, for the purpose of conferring the Mark Masters degree on a large class, I replied:

"Referring to your proposed meeting in August next, I would suggest to you that you can probably hold this meeting without the necessity of any dispensation whatever, provided, you open your Lodge of Mark Master Masons in your regular Chapter Hall, having the constitutional number present at the opening."

The High Priest and Officers can then proceed to any convenient place or hall which is capable of being properly tiled and confer the degree of Mark Mason; a sufficient number returning to your Chapter Hall immediately after the ceremony and closing the Lodge of Mark Masters. (California, 1920.)

On the 6th day of August, I received a communication from the High Priest of Pythagoras Chapter asking if it would be proper and within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter laws to work two teams in one evening; starting at 5.00 o'clock p.m., and working three candidates through the Veils—calling off for refreshment and resuming labor at 7.30 o'clock and working the other team to that point, and then working the six through the rest of the degree.

Answer.—No. Three and three only can be exalted at one and the same time. There is no place in working the R.A. where it would be proper to "double up" as proposed. (Connecticut, 1920.)

A candidate was elected to receive the degrees, but before presenting himself for the work, an objection to his advancement was lodged with the High Priest. After some time had elapsed the brother demands the degrees, or that charges be preferred against him in his Blue Lodge. I am asked if the objection holds good indefinitely, and if finally rejected if the Chapter can refund the money paid for the degrees. I replied:

"It is entirely discretionary with the High Priest as to whether he will allow the objection lodged with him to arrest the progress of the candidate previously elected, or order a new ballot, and thus require the objector to back up his objection with a black ball. If he sees fit to order another ballot, and a black ball should appear, it will have the effect of rejecting the applicant as if it had appeared in the first ballot.

"A rejected applicant should have whatever money he has paid for the degrees refunded to him.

"You have no means of forcing the objector to prefer charges against this candidate in the Blue Lodge." (Georgia, 1920.)

I received two letters from different Chapters asking if substitutes could be used in the Royal Arch degree. I referred the High Priests to Section 280, where it says: "Substitutes are prohibited." I wrote them that the only way they could do to complete the team would be to borrow a candidate from some other Chapter. (Michigan, 1920.)

I received a letter from a Chapter asking if a brother could be received into the Chapter who had lost both hands several years ago, to which I replied as follows:

"I believe you can elect the brother, even though his hands are gone. The qualifications for candidate, you will find under Section 353 in the Red Book. There is nothing there that would prevent receiving the petition. I believe it is the internal and not the external qualifications of a man that should determine whether he is eligible to become a Royal Arch Mason." (Michigan, 1920.)

Does a Companion who receives the Capitular Degrees in a Chapter working under a dispensation have the right to become a Charter Member of such Chapter?

To this question I stated as my opinion that a Companion who is exalted in a Chapter working under a dispensation is entitled to become a Charter Member of such Chapter in the event of a warrant being granted by the Grand Chapter. (New Jersey, 1920.)

Question.—“What robes, if any, ought the Companion to wear who confers the Most Excellent Master Degree?”

Held.—“I wish to state, that I do not consider it my province to make a direct ruling on this subject.

“However, in my opinion, the Celebrant of this sublime and beautiful degree should be dignified by apparel different from his ordinary dress, and, pending decision of Grand Chapter (should same be requested) I approve of the High Priest's Robes being worn by any Excellent Companion, when conferring the Most Excellent Master Degree.” (Nova Scotia, 1920.)

Question.—“Can we divide four Candidates into two teams and use substitutes, one for each team, without a Dispensation, the two teams to be exalted at the same Convocation?”

Held.—“Dividing as suggested without Dispensation suits my reading of Section 26, but they must work teams separately until after Investments.” (Nova Scotia, 1920.)

1. A Chapter in this Jurisdiction can not receive a petition for affiliation from a Companion who resides in another Grand Jurisdiction. The fact that demit was granted by the Chapter to which he applies has no bearing on the case.

2. The Grand Chapter holds no jurisdiction over the degree of Good Samaritan.

3. The Grand High Priest has not the authority to grant a dispensation to a Chapter to go into the Hall of a Blue Lodge in another town in this Jurisdiction and there confer the Chapter degrees upon its own elected candidates. (Texas, 1919.)

Decided that there can be but one altar in a Mark Master Masons' Lodge, Most Excellent Master Masons' Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter, and that the use of any additional altars for conferring degrees is prohibited. (Pennsylvania, 1919.)

BOOK OF MARKS

The Book of Marks, of entirely too many Chapters, is in bad shape, by the like habitual neglect of the High Priest and Secretary to see that it is signed when the Mark Master's degree has been conferred, and that the description of the “Mark” selected by each candidate is filed as required by the ritual before the Royal Arch degree is conferred. The truth is that even better results in this matter could be had if we prohibited any advancement beyond the Mark Master's degree until the “Mark” has been selected and its description filed for record. The Book should be dated and signed at the time the degree is conferred or affiliation given. This will keep the names in

proper sequence. The object of the "Mark" is not often explained, and where it is not, any "Mark" is wholly purposeless. Many "Marks", too, are so elaborate as to defeat any useful purpose. (Minnesota, 1918.)

RESOLVED, That in no case shall any candidate receive the Royal Arch degree until he has adopted and filed with the Secretary of his Chapter a copy of the mark he is obligated to adopt; that a petition for affiliation shall be accompanied by a copy of the mark of the applicant, and that no demit shall be issued to any Companion who has not previously selected a mark and had the same recorded.

Section 8. Signing a petition for and participating in the labors of a Chapter under dispensation does not thereby demit such petitioner from his Chapter. The petitioners of Chapter under dispensation who are members of other Chapters, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of the State of Indiana, for the time being, become members of the new Chapter, shall not pay dues to, or claim any privileges in, their respective Chapters during the continuance of such dispensation. All such petitioners for the new Chapter shall file with such petition their receipts for dues from their original Chapters to the date of the issuance of such dispensation; but, if a charter shall not be granted them, such petitioners shall resume their privileges and duties in their former Chapters. Should any of the petitioners for a dispensation to organize a Chapter be members of Chapters of other Grand Jurisdictions they shall file their demits from the respective Chapters with such petition.

Section 9. The petitioners for the dispensation who are desirous of maintaining their membership in the Chapter when constituted under charter must have deposited their demits before or at the time the Chapter is constituted.

(Adopted by Grand Chapter of Indiana, October, 1911.)

A clear statement has frequently been requested as to the exact rules governing the form of Marks. In particular, a prominent Chapter has specially asked to be provided with a definite rule. In consequence the following Memorandum was submitted so that they might consider the subject and, if so advised, give an official ruling on the meaning of the instructions for the degrees. The matter was remitted to a special Sub-Committee on Marks, and in the interval the Memorandum has been revised and corrected.

In Ireland there are no definite rules, and the Marks are accepted just as they are sent in. No attention is paid practically to the matter, and not one Mark Mason in twenty adopts a Mark of any kind. Those who do frequently select designs quite unsuitable for the purpose, such as crests or monograms, but they are all registered in Grand Chapter books without question.

I am informed that by a resolution of the Grand Mark Lodge of England, on 14th December, 1864, the regulation confining speculative Masons' Marks to any specified number of points was abrogated. But straight lines are imperative.

In America, so far as can be ascertained, there is no rule specifying what should be selected as a Mark, this being left entirely to the candidate himself to determine.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland has never, so far as can be ascertained, laid down any rule whatever, and disclaims any responsibility for any ritual on the subject.

The way, therefore, appears to be quite open to this committee to suggest a definite ruling for themselves, and to let others follow it or not as they choose.

The instructions as they stand at present substantially consist of a direction that any Mark adopted by a candidate and member must consist of any number of odd points connected by lines, with the exception of one special figure containing three points. The old manuscript copy of the working, in the possession of Supreme Grand Chapter, says, "3, 5, 7, 9 or 11 points joined together to form any figure they pleased except, etc." It may be interesting to add, in parenthesis, that according to the old independent Yorkshire working early last century, the members present had also to be 3, 5, 7, 9, etc., and the fee was "one mark, 1s. 1½d, neither more nor less."

The theory held by some is that the Mark was, and is still supposed to be, made by the workman with the edge of a chisel, not by its corner point, so that each stroke therefore will make nothing but a straight line. This would apply to the Mark on the blade of the chisel, but I should rather think the Mark cut on a stone would be made by a pointed chisel, and therefore that so far it would be conveniently possible to form a curved figure. As the Mark was reproduced on the hewn stones, it should have been the same as that which was struck on the blade of the Mason's own tools to identify them in the boxes, or when returned from sharpening, or for any other necessary purposes.

While the actual words of the instructions do not expressly say "straight" lines, this is commonly understood to be implied. The old ritual of Chapter Esk, No. 42, however, expressly says, "straight" or "curved lines". There may be others giving the same reading.

Among the operative Masons of Scotland for centuries genuine curved Marks are by no means unknown, but are very few. For instance, at Fortrose Cathedral, out of 265 Marks, there is only one with curved lines (representing a vessel). A heart is also an emblem not uncommon. But, on the whole, out of many thousand specimens from the thirteenth century downwards, it is most unusual to find a Mark with curved lines. (Scotland, A. A. Murray, Grand Scribe E.)

No Marks are used in the Grand Chapter of Victoria for the reason that Mark Masonry is not made a part of Royal Arch Masonry but is under a separate constitution. A Master Mason may become

a Royal Arch companion without having advanced to the degree of a Mark Master Mason, but as a rule a Mason belongs to a Craft Lodge, a Mark Lodge and a Royal Arch Chapter.

In Mark Lodges, under the jurisdiction of the United Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Victoria, it is customary to present a "penny" to the candidate on his advancement. A record of all "Marks" is kept in a Mark Lodge and returned for registration to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge.

It is customary for each Lodge of Mark Master Masons to adopt some suitable device for its members generally, alterable in some way for each individual. (Victoria, G. L. Marquand, Grand Scribe E.)

COLLECTIVE BALLOTING

I wish to call attention to another matter—that of balloting on candidates collectively, which I understand is practiced by some of our Chapters. I believe it to be contrary to Masonic usage and not for the best interests of the craft, and it should be discouraged. (Wisconsin, G. H. Keenan, Grand High Priest.)

FULL MOON MEETINGS

The Grand Secretary of Michigan in his report recites that there are still forty-nine Chapters in that state that cling to the order which he terms the "antiquated moon schedule". He quotes the language on the subject of the Grand High Priest of Tennessee, which is as follows:

"Since the days of Joshua, the great general of the Israelites in their wanderings in the desert—the one who commanded the sun to stand still upon Gibeon and the moon in the Valley of Ajalon, that he might have a little more daylight in which to whip the enemy—the moon has, on several occasions, played sad havoc with the meeting nights of Lodges and Chapters, many of which provide that the stated meeting shall be held on a certain day of the week 'on or before (or after) the full of the moon each month.' As a result, once in a while some of them wake up to the fact that occasionally the moon gets 'full' too soon in the month for them to have a meeting night, and just as often she is not 'full' until too late in the month. They then rush to the Grand High Priest for a dispensation to elect officers at another time. As long as Chapters cling to the old notion that the members must have 'moonshine' in order to get home, or rather, as this is a bone-dry State, that the moon must be 'full' of 'moonshine' to enable them to see their way over 'rough and rugged roads', just so long will there be trouble with their meeting nights. In this day and generation all the farmers have Fords run by gasoline—no 'moonshine'—with bright lights in front to show them the way, and it matters not how much or how little 'moonshine' they have, provided they have enough gasoline, the Fords will bring them safely to their homes, even if there be no moon to shine." (California, Foreign Correspondence Report, 1920.)

A difficulty that has shown itself in these modern times is due to the olden days when the different branches of Masonry were not so numerous. I refer to the date of the stated meeting being governed by the moon. In some instances the lack of attendance at the inspection, and in one instance the lack of the candidate, was ascribed to

the fact that the Blue Lodge communication was governed by the moon, while the Chapter convocation was a set calendar date, and that on that particular night both bodies were holding meetings. (Maine, Grand High Priest's address, 1920.)

Freemasonry is a progressive science in certain localities. However, in order to calculate the meeting nights of certain Chapters in Missouri it is almost necessary to be fortified with the Proceedings, an almanac, sun dial and compass, for three Chapters still set their meeting nights, "on and after the full moon." One Chapter of the "moon" variety passed away at the last Convocation. Before July 1, 1919, and during the days of early candle lighting, "full moon" meetings may have served their purpose, but in these days of Ford cars and other modern innovations, I believe the best interest of the fraternity demands stated meetings at times which can be expressed in terms of modern English. (Missouri, Grand High Priest's address, 1920.)

THE ORDER OF DE MOLAY

During the past year, several of the brethren of the Scottish Rite in Kansas City fostered an organization of young men between the ages of 16 and 21, giving them the use of their rooms under legitimate restrictions. This organization grew so fast and popular that Excellent Companion Frank Marshall, of Westport Chapter, was asked to prepare a Ritual for the Order. It is called the Order of De Molay and already a number of Chapters have organized fostered by both York and Scottish Rite bodies. I want to recommend the work of this Order to the Capitular Freemasons of Missouri and urge that every Chapter of consequence take the lead in organizing Chapters in their territory. I have never known a time when the young men of our country needed the advice, help and support of their elders more than now, and I firmly believe that such an organization as I know this to be, properly supervised, may become a credit to our Order and possibly lead many young men to lives of usefulness and honour. (Missouri, Grand High Priest's address, 1920.)

NON-AFFILIATION IN LODGE

If a member of a Chapter shall become a non-affiliate Mason and voluntarily remain so for twelve months, he shall forfeit his privileges as a Royal Arch Mason. (Missouri, 1920.)

"Voluntary non-affiliation in the Lodge for one year shall exclude a Royal Arch Mason from his membership in the Chapter, after due notice, either personally or by mail, has been served upon him to show cause why he should not be excluded. Such exclusion shall cease upon affiliation in a lodge." (Wisconsin, 1920.)

THE BIG TEN

The remarkable growth in membership at the present time in all Masonic bodies in North America is not only a subject for congratulation but also for serious consideration.

This growth is especially noticeable in the Proceedings of the Grand Chapters of Canada, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Texas.

Notice the roll of Grand Chapters having at least 20,000 members. The figures are taken from the latest information at hand.

The Big Ten

Canada	20,404
Missouri.....	21,020
Indiana.....	22,550
Texas.....	25,464
Michigan	27,760
Massachusetts	28,037
Pennsylvania.....	40,260
New York	44,491
Ohio	51,848
Illinois	52,463

It is a serious question as to the standing of Chapter members who may have been swept along on the wave of a large class, but who seldom attend the regular Convocations after they are exalted. It looks as if there can be but one explanation which is a desire to reach degrees which lie beyond the Chapter.

Will this prove a menace to the great mission of Royal Arch Masonry? (Missouri, 1920.) (Foreign Correspondence report.)

PILGRIMAGES

During the year I have received a number of applications for special dispensations to permit chapters to hold Special Convocations at places other than their Chapter halls for conferring degrees—to make “pilgrimages”, as we used to call it. At the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, in 1917, the matter was submitted to the Jurisprudence Committee, who, in an adopted report, said “In view of existing provisions of our laws, the ancient custom which from time immemorial has prevailed in the Masonic system and under the common law of Masonry, a Chapter does not and should not possess such discretionary freedom” (freedom, when requested, to visit Masonic lodge rooms of neighboring towns, where to confer the initiatory or an intermediate degree).

This report has been taken to mean that it was the desire of the Grand Chapter that the practice of making “pilgrimages” should be discontinued; consequently no Grand High Priest, since that report was made, has ever granted a dispensation for that purpose.

My judgment, however, is that that practice should, under reasonable circumstances, be permitted and continued. In many instances it would be not only convenient but profitable to the Craft without any detrimental effects whatever. I further think that By-law No. 37 makes special provisions for just such practice; otherwise, why would it provide for the holding of Special Convocations at the “place designated” (as distinguished from the “place prescribed” in By-law 36) “for the conferring of degrees.”

I should like to see the Jurisprudence Committee given another opportunity to consider this matter and receive a more definite report from it as to whether or not this practice of making pilgrimages should be discontinued altogether. I know that several times during the past year I wished that I might feel at liberty to grant special dispensations for that purpose. (Kansas, Grand High Priest's address, 1920.)

The Jurisprudence Committee made the following report which was adopted by Grand Chapter:

On the subject of "pilgrimages" your committee has had considerable discussion and many different views have been expressed. It is, however, the opinion of this committee that pilgrimages, under the proper restrictions and control, might be properly made, and your committee recommends that where the Chapter, through its proper officers, makes an application in which is set out the necessity for the benefit to be derived from the proposed pilgrimages, and forward such application to the Grand High Priest, with a request that a Special Dispensation be granted therefor, and that after an examination of such application, and such other investigation as the Grand High Priest, under the circumstances may feel necessary to make, the Special Dispensation for such pilgrimage may be either granted or refused, as in the judgment of the Grand High Priest will best promote the interests of Capitular Masonry. No pilgrimage shall be had for the purpose of conferring any but the three preliminary degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master, and the place for holding such pilgrimage shall be in a Masonic lodge room. (Kansas, 1920.)

TRAVELLING PARAPHERNALIA

So many Chapters are unacquainted with the unlimited possibilities of the Most Excellent Master Degree that I believe it advisable for the Grand Chapter to purchase the necessary paraphernalia for this degree, which can be packed compactly in a small case and transported from place to place, wherever in the judgment of the Grand Lecturer it may be needed. I have gone over this matter with the Grand Lecturer, who is in full sympathy with the plan, and we have come to the conclusion that it will be of valuable assistance to some of the smaller Chapters, who believe the degree necessitates a large outlay of money. We have outlined equipment for the degree which will occupy but small space and can be used in any hall, and I recommend that the Finance Committee be directed to appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for this work, to be expended under the direction of the Grand Lecturer. (Missouri, 1920.)

MADE A ROYAL ARCH MASON AT SIGHT

M. E. Companion David J. Davis, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania in his annual address, says:

"I called an Emergency Communication of Grand Chapter on November 21, 1919. This extraordinary meeting was held in Renaissance Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, when the Degrees of Mark Master Mason, Most Excellent Master Mason and Royal Arch Mason were conferred at sight upon Brother William Cameron Sproul, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, a member of Chester Lodge, No. 236, of Chester, Pennsylvania, who was passed to the Chair on Thursday evening, September 11, 1919.

"The Degree of Mark Master Mason was conferred by Companion John M. Core, Most Excellent Grand Scribe; the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Companion Joseph E. Quinby, Most Excellent Grand King, and the Royal Arch Degree by Companion David J. Davis, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

"The appointed Grand Officers were in their respective places and assisted in the conferring of the three degrees.

"The following distinguished visitors were present:

"M. E. Companions, Jerome L. Cheney, Deputy Grand High Priest; William T. Chevalier, Grand King and George E. Briggs, Grand Scribe, of New York.

"M. E. Companion Ernest F. Sweeney, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Connecticut.

"M. E. Companions W. Frank Sharp, Most Excellent Grand High Priest; Henry S. Lewis, Grand King, and Companions Stuart J. Horn, Grand Secretary; Charles E. Willin, Grand Captain of Host; N. J. Fisher, Grand Principal Sojourner; Wert A. Trotter, Grand Master Third Veil, and John G. Grhoe, Grand Chaplain, of Delaware.

"M. E. Companion Richard C. Woodward, Most Excellent Grand High Priest; Albert Leon, Grand King; Josiah S. Davidson, Grand Scribe; Edward Mills, Grand Treasurer, and Lorenzo D. Sanborn, Past Grand High Priest, of New Jersey.

"Companion Edgar Fahs Smith, of Grand Chapter of Ohio.

"Companion George L. Lohrer, of Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.

"Grand Chapter was addressed in an interesting and impressive manner by the visitors, and particularly by the candidate, who was deeply impressed with the beautiful and significant work of Royal Arch Masonry."

RESPECT FOR LAW

This phenomenal growth in numbers which commenced five years ago has not abated during the past twelve months. Men are knocking at the portals of our mystic fraternity in ever increasing numbers. In this fact there is cause for concern, as well as congratulation. We should redouble our efforts to scrutinize each petition more carefully. In this connection I desire to call your attention to a very recent warning issued by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts:

At the stated communication of the Grand Lodge, held December 29, 1919, M. W. Arthur D. Prince, immediately after being installed Grand Master, warned the Craft that he had reason to believe that attempts would be made to poison the Fraternity by the introduction of members opposed to those fundamental tenets of our Order, obedience to God, service to men and liberty under law. In one of our industrial centers where there are four Lodges eight applications were recently simultaneously presented, two in each Lodge, coming from persons known to be radical agitators. Great care must be taken to prevent persons whose ideals and ideas are different from those which are at once the foundations of Masonry and of Americanism from gaining admission to our Order. All applicants must be carefully investigated with a view to certainty on this point.

With the end of the war, we enter upon a period of reconstruction and readjustment. It is a time of unrest, of discontent, and of uncertainty. It is a time in which insidious forces are at work to undermine the very foundations of Constitutional government. Tremendous responsibilities rest upon us, and for the tasks that lie ahead of us, we shall need all the powers that we possess. An institution whose

primary purpose is to teach morality by means of symbols, and to promote true friendship among those who might otherwise remain at a perpetual distance, can be of inestimable service at such a time as this. By our counsel and by our example let us urge upon our fellow citizens policies of wise and sane conservatism. And let us always with a clarion voice, urge upon all men a reverence and respect for the majesty of the law. (South Carolina, Grand High Priest's address, 1920.)

FRATERNAL RECOGNITION

The Grand Chapter of Alberta has been accorded recognition by our Grand Chapter. We have always held that a Grand Chapter must have exclusive jurisdiction over all the subordinate Chapters within its territorial limits before it can receive recognition from our Grand Chapter. As soon as the difficulties between the Grand Chapters of Canada and Alberta were adjusted, and the subordinate Chapters of Alberta had given allegiance to the Grand Chapter of Alberta, recognition followed. The mails can be blamed for the delay of a year. The time will come when every Province in the Dominion of Canada having a sufficient number of subordinate Chapters will be a Grand Jurisdiction. (Pennsylvania, Foreign Correspondence Report, 1920.)

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CRAFT

The cry in our jurisdiction, as in all of the jurisdictions of the United States, is, "What is wrong with Capitular Masonry?" Why is it used only as a stepping stone." The reason, I believe, is that we are too anxious to increase our membership and not careful enough to let Masons advance "of their own free will and accord." In this way we get mostly members and too few real Royal Arch Masons, who will say and do.

In olden times, any movement for the welfare of communities that won the approval of the Masonic fraternity, won friends on the outside because of such approval, and was generally successful. I believe that the time is ripe for the Masonic fraternity to again take an active interest in public affairs, as Masons, especially so where the particular movement is for the upbuilding of the younger generation and the making of better men and women. Let our Royal Arch Chapters take a lead in this line of work. There is no reason why subjects of this nature cannot be freely discussed in the Chapter room, to decide whether it is a good or bad movement, and then act accordingly.

Our Chapters should also take a more active part in the relief of Masons and their widows and orphans, a part that is almost lost sight of in the Chapter. Go to work, my Companions. Don't let the motto "let the Lodge do it," get to be a by-word. Show the Craft by your actions that you are "worthy of your hire." Then will your Chapters become something besides "degree mills and talking machines." They will cease to be only "stepping stones," and will be appreciated by those within and attract from those without.

(Nevada, Grand High Priest's address, 1920).

THE MISSION OF MASONRY

I shall try to talk to you as best I can on the Mission of Masonry, its faith, its philosophy, its demand for freedom, and its plea for universal friendship.

The more I brood over its mystery, its genius, its possibilities of ministry to the higher human life, the more the wonder grows, the higher the horizon, and the longer the vistas unfold. Let me beseech you, then, to lend me your hearts while I tell you a little more of the meaning of Masonry as it had grown up in my heart. Studying Masonry is like looking at a sunrise; each one who looks is filled with the beauty and glory of it, but the splendor is not diminished. Over all alike its ineffable wonder falls, subduing the mind, softening the heart, and exalting the life.

What is Masonry? What is it trying to teach? What does it seek to do? Above all, what can it do for the one who receives it into his heart, loves it, and lives in the light of it? What profound ministry may it render to the young man who enters its temple in the morning of life, when the dew is on his days, and the birds are singing in his heart? Let me try to answer these questions this evening in the spirit of Count Tolstoi, who must be numbered with the prophets and bards—with poets like Goethe and Burns, musicians like Mozart, patriots like Mazzini and Washington. Such names shine like stars in the crown of humanity, and none with truer luster than that of Tolstoi, who was a teacher of purity, pity and peace among men.

Our age resembles in many ways the age which saw the introduction into the world of the teachings of Jesus. To one who regards mankind with tenderness, a time like this is full of hope, but full of many perils also. Men are confused, troubled and strangely alone. Anything is possible. Forms of faith are changing, and many are bewildered—as witness the number of those running to and fro, following to and fro, following every wandering light, and falling, often, into the bogs of fanaticism. A strange indifference has settled over the world, but underneath it there is a profound unsatisfied hunger. There is a mood today which soon will utter a cry for more vivid sense of God. That is our hope, yet that cry may fling many a soul upon the bosom of doubt and despair; that is our fear. Amidst this peril Masonry keeps alive faith in the truths that make us men, seeking, by every resource of art, to make tangible the power of love, the worth of beauty, and the reality of the ideal. Who can measure such a ministry? Who can describe it?

Let me strive to make it all more vivid by recalling a parable translated by Max Muller from the lore of the East. The gods, having stolen from man his divinity, met in council to discuss where they should hide it. One suggested that it be carried to the other side of the earth and buried; but it was pointed out that man is a great wanderer and that he might find the lost treasure on the other side of the earth. Another proposed that it be dropped into the depths of the sea; but the same fear was expressed—that man, in his insatiable curiosity, might dive deep enough to find it even there.

Finally, after a space of silence, the oldest and wisest of the gods said: "Hide it in man himself, as that is the last place he will ever think to look for it." And it was so agreed, all seeing at once its subtle and wise strategy. Man wandered over the earth for ages,

searching in all places, high and low, far and near, before the thought to look within himself for the divinity he sought. At last, slowly, dimly, he began to realize that what he thought was far off, hidden in "the pathos of distance," is nearer than the breath he breathes even in his own heart. Here lies the deepest ministry of Masonry—that it makes one aware of the divinity that is within him, wherefrom his whole life takes beauty and meaning, and inspires him to follow and obey it. No hour in life is more solemn and revealing than that in which a man learns that what he seeks he has already found, else he would not be seeking it. Once a man learns that deep secret, life is new, and the old world is a valley all dewey to the dawn aglow with beauty and athrill with melody.

There never was a truer saying than that of Thomas Carlyle, when he said that the religion of a man is the chief fact concerning him. By religion he meant, as he went on to explain, not the creed to which a man will subscribe or otherwise give his assent; not that necessarily; often not that at all—since we see men of all degrees of worth and worthlessness signing all kinds of creeds. No, the Masonry of a man is that which he practically believes, lays to heart, acts upon, and knows concerning this mysterious universe, and his duty and destiny in it. That is in all cases the primary thing in him and creatively determines all the rest; that is his religion. It is then of vital importance what faith, what vision, what conception of life a man lays to heart, and acts upon. It is as a man thinks in his heart whether life be worth while or not, and whether the world be luminous or dark.

Let me show you that this is so. Optimists and pessimists live in the same world, walk under the same sky, and observe the same facts. Skeptics and believers look up to the same great stars—the stars that shone in Eden and will flash again in Paradise. Thomas Hardy and George Meredith were contemporaries and friends—one looking out over a dismal, shadow-haunted Egdon heath, under a sky as grey as a tired face; the other a citizen of a world all dipped in hues of sunrise, and sunset, with a lark song over it. Clearly, the difference in all these cases is a difference, not of fact, but of faith; of insight, outlook and point of view—a difference of inner attitude and habit of thought with regard to the worth of life and the meaning of the world. By the same token, any influence which reaches and alters that inner habit and bias of mind, and changes it from doubt to faith, from fear to courage, from despair to sunburst hope, has wrought the most vital and benign ministry which a mortal may enjoy in the midst of the years.

Such is the ministry of Masonry to the individual—lifting him out of the mire and setting his feet in the long, white path marked out by the foot-steps of the ages; and through the individual it serves society and the state. If by some art one could trace those sweet, invisible influences which move to and fro like shuttles in a loom, weaving the network of laws, reverences, sanctities which make the warp and woof of society—giving to statutes their dignity and power, to the gospel its opportunity, to the home its canopy of peace and beauty, to the young an enshrinement of inspiration and the old a mantle of protection; if one had the pen of an angel then might one tell the story of what Masonry has done for the world. No wonder that George Eliot said that eloquence is but a ripple on the bosom of the unspoken and unspeakable.

What is it that so tragically delays the march of man toward that better social order whereof our prophets dream? Our age and land are full of schemes of every kind for the reform and betterment of mankind. Why do they not succeed? Some fail, perhaps, because they are imprudent and ill-considered, in that they expect too much of human nature and do not take into account the stubborn facts of life. But why does not the wisest and noblest plan do half what its devisors hope and pray and labor to bring about? Because there are not enough men fine enough of soul, large enough of nature, to make the dream come true. So that when Masonry, instead of identifying itself with particular schemes of reform, devotes all its benign influence to refining and ennobling the souls of men, she is doing fundamental work in behalf of all high enterprises. By as much as she succeeds, every noble cause succeeds; if she fails, everything fails. Recall what was passing before the eye of men in this land fifty years ago. What gloom, what uncertainty, what anxiety. Think of Gettysburg. The very life of the republic hung in the balance! Think of those first three days of July, 1863, when fifty-four thousand young men, the flower of our future, lay dead and wounded—piled in heaps of blue and grey, quivering with pain, their white faces turned to the sky! Nor was that all. Far away in the northern towns and the southern hamlets sad-faced women heard, now with shrieks, now with dumb unutterable woe, the long roll-call of the dead. What man who has a heart, or who cares for the future of his race, does not pray that such scenes may never be enacted again? What can prevent a repetition of the horrors of war? Nothing but the growth in the hearts of men of the spirit of justice, freedom and friendship which Masonry seeks to evoke and inspire.

Again, no one need be told that we are on the eve, if not in the midst, of a stupendous and bewildering revolution of social and industrial life. It shakes England today. It makes France tremble tomorrow. It will alarm the world next week. The questions in dispute can never be settled in the air of hostility. If they are settled at all and settled right, it must be in an atmosphere of mutual recognition and respect such as that which Masonry strives to create and make prevail. No part of the ministry of Masonry is more beautiful and wise than its appeal, not for tolerance, but for fraternity; not for uniformity, but for unity of spirit amidst varieties of outlook and opinion.

In view of all this we may well ask when is a man a Mason. May I venture to answer? When he can look over the rivers, the hills and the far horizon with a profound sense of his own littleness in the vast scheme of things, and yet have faith, hope and courage, when he knows that down in his heart every man is as noble, as vile, as divine, as diabolical and as lonely as himself, and seeks to know, to forgive and to love his fellow men.

When he knows how to sympathize with men in their sorrows, yea, even in their sins—knowing that each man fights a hard fight against many odds.

When he has learned how to make friends and how to keep them, and above all, how to keep friends with himself.

When he loves flowers, and can hunt the birds without a gun, and feels the thrill of old forgotten joy when he hears the laugh of a little child.

When he can be happy and high-minded amid the meaner drudgeries of life.

When star-crowned trees and the glint of sunlight on flowing waters subdue him like the thought of one much loved and long dead.

When no voice of distress reaches his ears in vain, and no hand seeks his aid without response.

When he can look into the wayside puddle and see something besides mud, and into the face of the most forlorn and see something beyond sin. When he knows how to pray and to hope.

When he has kept faith with himself, with his fellow man, with his God; in his hand a sword for evil, in his heart a bit of a song.

In such a man, whether he be rich or poor, scholarly or unlearned, famous or obscure, Christianity has wrought her sweet mission.

J. H. ACKERMAN.

(Oregon, Grand Orator, 1920.)

BENEVOLENCE-RELIEF

Notice of Motion has been given that the benefits which may be given from the Mark Benevolent Fund be materially increased in future. The alterations proposed are as follows:

The maximum grant to a Brother by Board to be increased from £25 to £50.

The maximum grant to a widow increased from £20 to £50.

The maximum grant for a child from £15 to £25.

The grant, in the case of a Brother, with the consent of Grand Master, to be increased from £50 to £100; in the case of a widow from £30 to £100; in the case of a child to £50.

EDUCATIONAL FUND

The maximum income to be set aside for the purpose of the Scholarship Fund in any one year to be increased from £350 to £500.

The maximum of Scholarship to be increased from £80 to £100 per annum. (England and Wales, 1920.)

EXTRACTS FROM ADDRESSES

When the Prophet Elisha, at his home in Dothan, was surrounded and besieged by the Syrian army in countless numbers, seeking his life, the servant of Elisha, going out early in the morning, was filled with terror and dismay at the sight, and hastened to inform his master. The old Prophet was not perturbed in the least by the news, but met the exclamations of fear from his servant with the calm and comforting statement, "Fear not, for they that be with us are more than they that be with them." And he prayed that the servant's eyes might be opened, and he beheld the whole heavens alive with horses and chariots of fire, ready and anxious to do the Prophet's bidding.

When I look out upon the world, reeking with filth and vice in its Social life, and with greed and dishonesty in its commercial life, and with corruption and graft and demagoguery in its Political life, I stand appalled, but when I consider the fifty-five thousand Masons in the state of Georgia and the two and a half millions of Masons in the United States of America, an army bound by the most sacred ties to fight any and all manner of evil that would assail the sanctity of the home, or the peace and welfare of the State, I am constrained to exclaim as did God's servant of old, "The Chariots of Israel and horsemen thereof": the forces of Masonry, and power thereof. (Georgia, Grand High Priest's address, 1920.)

WHAT OF THE HOUR IN FREEMASONRY

Men are knocking unbidden, in vast numbers, at the doors of the Order. The Lodges all over the land are crowded with good men and true seeking the light, and this great influx is having its effect in the search for further light in our Chapters. The inertia caused by the war and its many exactions is gradually wearing away. We are getting a better conception of the work in which we are engaged and we are coming to a clearer realization of our increasing duties and responsibilities.

Why this insistent search for Light and Truth in the wake of the Great War? With our enforced curtailment in unified work across the seas which we have so lamented, what force impels the great throngs to seek the confines of our society? Why this insatiable desire to delve into the mysteries of this ancient and honorable institution? May we not attribute it to the Great and Eternal Truths and Teachings of our Order as carried into the field, the camp, the trench, into every branch of service by the examples of the men raised and exalted at our altars? By the example of unflinching heroism of members of our order who willingly flocked to the Banner of Freedom ready to give their all for flag and free institution? The sublime principles and teachings of this wonderful institution, that have stood the test and onslaught of the ages, emerges triumphant. This ancient and time-honored institution is swinging in line with the time to meet the demands of the community and humanity.

May we not also take to us some measure of satisfaction that with the birth and growth of so many similar institutions, societies and orders of modern origin; so many clubs and associations built upon the principles of service to God, community and humanity, the leaders and builders are in so many instances members of our fraternity? May we not pardonably hope that the principle of service we pledge at the very threshold of our institution, that the principles of Charity which permeate the entire fabric of the structure, the Faith in God and man, and the Hope and belief in immortality, the tenets of Brotherly Love, relief and truth, and the cardinal principles of temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice may have found place and lodgment in the minds and hearts of the builders of these latter-day orders and societies? May we not believe that these principles are being reflected in these new and modern ways, and are we not thus in a great measure making our influence felt in the community? We teach our members to be workers, to carry our principles and teachings into their every-day life before the world; we teach them to build their spiritual temple,

the temple of the soul, the temple of the mind, the temple of true character and good citizenship agreeable to all the exactions of the working tools engaged and used in fashioning the material temple—if in the light of recent events these works have been seen by all men, and have attracted them to our doors, we are performing a distinct service and are carving our niche in the structure of our government and the community at large. The teachings of our order, upon which our very government was fashioned and founded, as installed into men and members of this fraternity, will continue to be and exert that steadying influence which will safely waft our government and free institution over this “tempestuous sea of trouble” until the craft shall find its even keel and sail smoothly again upon the sea of peace, good will and contentment.

Our great responsibility in this hour lies in our ability to adequately and effectively teach and bring the great influx of new members to see the True Light, the light revealed to all who have been exalted to the Royal Arch—the erection and completion of the “Spiritual Temple, that house not made with hands, Eternal in the Heavens.”

(Idaho, Grand High Priest's address, 1920.)

During my visit to some of the Chapters in our Jurisdiction, it has been my privilege to address the members on the necessity of the R. A. to the M. M. I have endeavored to give a short history of the evolution of this degree, have explained the change in Operative Masonry as known at the formation of the Grand Lodge of England in 1717, by the introduction of Symbolism; in short, I have tried to give the members good reasons to encourage the M.M.'s to come into our Chapter for the increased knowledge which can only be obtained there.

Now, as shown by the report of the Grand Scribe E., some of our City Chapters have shown very large gains in membership, and during my visits I have carefully watched what impression has been conveyed to the candidates by the ceremony, etc. Many, I am pleased to say, have shown great interest and a due appreciation of the whole ceremony, but there are some—and I am very reluctant to say this—who are utterly indifferent to the beauties of the ceremony and do not add in any way to its impressiveness. I have made due enquiries for a reason, and find that these only look upon our branch as a necessary stepping stone to something which is not Masonry. Shall we sit back idly and allow this, knowing that we are gaining financially by the fees and dues, which we shall receive, and thus allow them to make a convenience of us?

Remember, Companions, that it is the internal and not the external qualification of a man which can alone recommend him for admission or promotion among F.M.'s, and that those who have been admitted to our Order have acknowledged that it has been through a general desire of knowledge and a sincere wish that they may render themselves more serviceable to their fellow-creatures.

I, therefore, hope that the Principals of every Chapter will carefully scrutinize every petition for advancement and exaltation, and endeavor to guard against such an increase of membership which cannot in any good way be of benefit to us.

Remember that which is the highest conception of Masonry: Service, first to the Brotherhood, afterwards to mankind. Keep that ever before you. (Quebec, Grand First Principal's address, 1920.)

THE TRIPLE TAU

The following disquisition of the above named emblem by E. G. Guthrie, fraternal correspondent for North Dakota in the 1919 proceedings, is worthy of repetition:

The Royal Arch Emblem—Warvelle

"Of late I come across complaints by Grand High Priests that the Chapters, on their official stationery, are not using the Royal Arch emblem but are displaying the keystone and other devices. The keystone, however, has long been regarded as a proper Capitular emblem, and in my early days was constantly employed in that capacity. Indeed, there are many old Masons who would scarcely recognize the authorized emblem if they were to see it, and who still carry on the watch-chain a keystone as the special Capitular insignia.

"The generally accepted emblem at the present time, both in Great Britain and America, is the triple tau within a triangle surrounded by a circle. But just what the real significance of this emblem is no one seems to know. Of course the triangle and the circle are easy of explanation, as representing the essence and attributes of the Deity. But the triple tau is still something of mystery. And so, perhaps, the Chapters which still cling to the old familiar keystone are not as much in fault as some of the G... H... P...s would have them.

"The tau, which got its name from the Greek letter T, in ecclesiastical circles is called the Tau Cross, sometimes the Cross of St. Anthony, and it is claimed by many to be the original form of the cross used in executions. As usually depicted in the triple form, it resembles a T resting on the reverse bar of an H. This has led to the explanation that it was the private mark of our Grand Master Hiram the Tyrian. Others say it refers to the Temple at Jerusalem, being the initials of the name Templum Hierosolymae. Still others assert that it is only a modification of the Hebrew letter shin, which was one of the Jewish abbreviations of the sacred name; and there are many who contend that it is an early Christian monogram to represent the Holy Trinity. And so, you see, that its signification is a matter of much doubt and that its real meaning, whatever it may be, is veiled in obscurity.

"Such being the case, I presume every one is at liberty to draw a conclusion for himself. And this is often done. Thus, I have seen it stated that it really represents three T squares, and alludes to the three jewels worn by the three ancient Grand Masters. Well, perhaps that is as good an explanation as any, as our emblem is not merely a tau, but a triple tau.

"The English Royal Arch Lecture says of it, that 'by its intersection it forms a given number of angles that may be taken in five several combinations; and, reduced, their amount in right angles will be found equal to the five Platonic bodies which represent the four elements and the sphere of the Universe.' All of which may be true; and yet, I am bound to confess, I do not find the statement very illuminating. How does it strike you?

"It has further been suggested by Bro. Mackey that the Prophet Ezekiel speaks of the tau as a mark which distinguished those who were to be saved on account of their repentance of their sins from

those who persisted in their sinful course and were to be slain. The tau, therefore, was a mark or sign of favorable distinction, and as such the triple tau is employed in the Royal Arch Degree as a mark designating and separating those who know and worship the true name of God from those who are ignorant of that august mystery. This is one of the many ingenious speculations which the use of our emblem has brought forth, and candor compels me to say that it is a very good one.

"While the triple tau had long been an emblem of English Royal Arch Masonry, it does not seem to have been officially recognized in this country until 1859. In that year the General Grand Chapter, at its Triennial Convocation at Chicago, adopted specifications for the Masonic clothing of a Royal Arch Mason. These provided, among other things, for a white lamb-skin apron, 'with a triple-tau cross within a triangle, and that within a circle on the flap.' At the annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, held the same year (1859), the Masonic clothing 'as defined by the General Grand Chapter' was duly adopted for use in this Jurisdiction. So far as my observation has extended this is the only action had in Illinois with respect to the emblem.

"But ten years prior to the incident just shown, Grand Chapter had adopted another old English emblem, which is now depicted on our official seal. It consists of two interlaced triangles, Masonically known as the sign of Macrocosm, or Seal of Solomon. Under a number of occasions this device has been officially employed by Grand Chapter as a Royal Arch emblem. As, see the medal struck to commemorate the semi-centennial celebration in 1890.

"And so, it seems we have at least two officially recognized Royal Arch emblems. Take your choice."

CLOSER SUPERVISION OF CHAPTERS

The most urgent need in Capitular Masonry in Kansas is a closer supervision. During the year the Grand High Priest does not now, and has at present no way of finding out until the reports come in at the end of the year, what is being done by the various Chapters throughout the state; he has no knowledge of their needs or conditions, except as they are voluntarily reported to him and these matters are seldom reported. The personal touch between the Grand High Priest and his Chapters is almost wholly wanting. Some years ago, in an effort to bring about a closer working relation between the Chapters and the Grand Chapter, the system of district deputies was adopted, but having proven practically a failure for that purpose, it was abolished. However, the problem is still with us and is still unsolved. I do not think that giving the Grand High Priest a larger salary or contingent fund and starting him out to accomplish this work would better the situation; the scope of his work as already defined and laid out is very well planned and in keeping with the dignity of his office. We do need an expert organizer as well as an expert ritualist, one well informed generally in Capitular Masonry, not to go when called, but to go when he is not called; not to criticise and complain because things are not going right, but to arouse enthusiasm and interest. Some

Chapters may need the services of such a person for several days, some for a day's visit, some not at all. In many cases, a joint meeting of several Chapters, patterned after the plan of our district lodge meetings would be profitable. Some of the chapters, needing help of this kind, are not financially able to pay for it; but the Grand Chapter is able to pay for it and the prosperity it would bring, both financially and Masonically, would justify the expense.

The suggestions I have made point naturally to the Grand Lecturer as the proper person to undertake this work. If such should be the opinion of the Grand Chapter, the necessary steps should be taken to acquaint the Grand High Priest of your decision and provide the necessary funds for the compensation and expenses of the Grand Lecturer, and the necessary authority in the Grand High Priest to direct this work. (Kansas, Grand High Priest's address, 1920.)

DIGNITY AND SOLEMNITY

The great rush of work the past year seems to have had a tendency on the part of some Chapters at least, to depart from the usual dignity and solemnity with which the degrees should be conferred.

The Chapter should not be used as a stepping stone to co-called higher degrees. The Chapter has a positive mission and the candidate is entitled to as earnest a teaching of the valuable lessons as can be given. It has come to my notice that in some cases more than one candidate has been obligated at a time in the Mark Master's degree. This is not as it should be. It destroys the force of the impression sought to be created in the mind of the candidate and tends to the railroading of candidates through the capitular degrees. (Wisconsin, Grand High Priest's address, 1920.)

WHEREAS, It has come to the knowledge of this Grand Chapter that some of the Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction have departed from the work in conferring the degrees, especially the Royal Arch degree, by interpolating scenes calculated to excite mirth and discomfort to the candidates, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Grand Chapter sets the seal of its condemnation upon such innovation, and absolutely prohibits the future occurrence under penalty of forfeiture of Charter for persistence therein. (Florida, 1920.)

TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Special Committee appointed by the M. Ex. the Grand Z., to take into consideration the advisability of paying the travelling expenses of the Executive Committee attending the Convocations of Grand Chapter, have considered the question in all its phases and beg to report, that after taking all things into consideration, they would recommend that a rate of five cents per mile for 250 miles and under, and seven cents per mile for 251 miles and over, and also four dollars per day, be paid going to and attending the Convocations of Grand Chapter, and that a Special Form be prepared showing the actual mileage to be travelled by shortest route and number of days consumed in travelling to and attending Grand Chapter. (Canada, 1920.)

WHIRLWIND CELEBRATION

The work of the year was brought to a whirlwind finish on December 30, 1919, when a "Royal Arch Celebration" was held at Masonic Temple under the auspices of the High Priests' Association, and degrees were conferred for all the Chapters upon eligible candidates. The work began at 2 o'clock p.m. when Washington Chapter, No. 2, conferred the degree of Mark Master upon 50 candidates. At 4 o'clock Eureka Chapter, No. 4, conferred the Past Master degree upon 74 candidates and the Most Excellent Master degree upon 75 candidates. At 6 o'clock Columbia Chapter, No. 1, Mount Vernon Chapter, No. 3, Eureka Chapter, No. 4, and La Fayette Chapter, No. 5, conferred the Royal Arch degree upon 45, 30, 18, and 42 candidates, respectively. The work on the last "trio" in La Fayette Chapter was performed by the officers of the Grand Chapter, R. E. Companion Frank F. Major presiding and the Grand High Priest delivering the charge. A dinner was served at 6 o'clock in the banquet room of the Temple, and at the conclusion of the work an entertainment was staged in the Auditorium. (District of Columbia, Grand High Priest's address, 1920.)

Fraternally Submitted,

S. Y. TAYLOR,

Chairman Fraternal Correspondence Committee



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To Scribes E.

PLEASE OBSERVE AND COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING:

Acknowledge to the Grand Scribe E. the *receipt* of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter—one copy to be retained by the Scribe E and one by each of the three Principals.

The financial year of Subordinate Chapters *ends* the 31st *December*, and Scribes E are required to forward their returns to the Grand Scribe E IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER. (See Clause 59A—Constitution.)

All cheques should be made PAYABLE AT PAR at Calgary.

Write the names of Companions *in full*, plainly, in the returns, so that there may be no errors in filling out the Grand Chapter Certificate. Also see that the AGE, OCCUPATION and PLACE OF RESIDENCE are not omitted. Where deaths are included, THE DATE OF DECEASE should accompany the record.

Send a full list of the officers of your Chapter immediately after installation.

The list of Companions suspended *must be read out at the next Regular Convocation following the receipt of these Proceedings.*

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*Grand Chapter
Royal Arch Masons of Alberta*

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The Eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of
Royal Arch Masons of Alberta will be held in the City of Calgary,
on Wednesday, the 8th day of March, 1922, at 10.00 o'clock a.m.
